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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aboriginals).								
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 31st December, 1945. (a)			Population— Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1943.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,455,059	1,457,732	2,912,791	1,398,000		
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	996,564	1,023,885	2,020,449	1,170,000		
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	558,741	526,940	1,085,681	370,500		
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	312,334	319,262	631,596	362,500		
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	254,248	237,331	491,579	263,000		
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	125,616	123,883	249,499	70,800		
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,048	1,191	5,239	(b)		
A.C.T.	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,365	7,560	14,925	12,200		
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,713,975	3,697,784	7,411,759	3,647,000 (c)		

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not available.

(c) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (c)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	14,086	7,068,689
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622
1943b	2,854,862	1,988,938	1,058,094	618,597	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441
1944b	2,884,848	2,005,593	1,071,441	625,298	488,168	246,559	5,209	14,599	7,341,715
1945b	2,912,791	2,020,449	1,085,681	631,596	491,579	249,499	5,239	14,925	7,411,759

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864
1944c	2,870,956	1,997,804	1,065,414	621,998	485,407	245,434	5,179	14,444	7,306,636
1945c	2,899,112	2,013,489	1,078,622	628,940	490,152	248,063	5,223	14,760	7,378,361

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

(c) June estimate; subject to revision.

NOTE.—The populations shown for 1939 and subsequent years have been revised in the light of data obtained from the Civilian Register of June, 1943, and include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State from which they were enlisted and irrespective of whether they are within Australia or overseas.

Owing to war conditions records of interstate migration are unsatisfactory and estimates of State populations subsequent to June, 1943, are still subject to adjustment for interstate migration. It is anticipated that estimates for these quarters will be revised in the light of data obtained from the Occupation Survey of June, 1945.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

New South Wales	7,644	7,159	14,803	3,626	2,999	6,625	6,784
Victoria ..	5,412	5,074	10,486	2,664	2,428	5,092	4,604
Queensland ..	3,099	2,861	5,960	1,363	1,000	2,363	2,560
South Australia ..	1,794	1,681	3,475	748	733	1,481	1,399
Western Australia	1,285	1,218	2,503	690	503	1,193	1,014
Tasmania ..	747	702	1,449	339	282	621	541
Northern Territory	10	10	20	7	1	8	15
Australian Capital Territory ..	64	47	111	11	3	14	27
Australia ..	20,055	18,752	38,807	9,448	7,949	17,397	16,944

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

New South Wales	31,812	29,850	61,662	14,808	12,186	26,994	25,283
Victoria ..	21,206	19,994	41,200	10,647	9,849	20,496	16,501
Queensland ..	13,719	12,994	26,713	5,516	3,943	9,459	9,905
South Australia ..	7,168	6,865	14,033	3,091	2,958	6,049	5,321
Western Australia	5,400	5,272	10,672	2,782	1,930	4,712	3,788
Tasmania ..	2,903	2,882	5,785	1,286	1,127	2,413	1,868
Northern Territory	48	42	90	32	3	35	48
Australian Capital Territory ..	204	201	405	49	24	73	108
Australia ..	82,460	78,100	160,560	38,211	32,020	70,231	62,822

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
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BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	51,729	52,647	57,265	59,612	61,662
Victoria ..	30,344	34,406	35,927	39,117	39,358	41,200
Queensland ..	18,992	21,519	21,166	23,234	24,520	26,713
South Australia ..	9,410	10,965	11,278	13,145	13,311	14,033
Western Australia ..	9,141	10,118	9,901	10,481	10,870	10,672
Tasmania ..	4,907	5,206	5,305	5,597	5,200	5,785
Northern Territory ..	102	216	92	80	89	90
Australian Capital Territory	200	366	392	376	384	405
Australia ..	120,415	134,525	136,708	149,295	153,344	160,560

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	17.39	18.53	18.68	20.16	20.76	21.27
Victoria ..	16.25	17.77	18.28	19.75	19.70	20.46
Queensland ..	18.98	20.74	20.39	22.09	23.02	24.77
South Australia ..	15.88	18.21	18.46	21.36	21.40	22.31
Western Australia ..	19.87	21.35	20.68	21.85	22.39	21.77
Tasmania ..	20.82	21.71	22.04	23.10	21.19	23.32
Northern Territory ..	17.81	34.42	18.81	15.55	17.18	17.23
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.98	24.89	26.80	26.64	26.58	27.44
Australia ..	17.46	18.94	19.06	20.65	20.99	21.76

(a) Preliminary rates.

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	27,300	29,219	28,870	26,652	26,994
Victoria ..	18,955	20,522	21,973	21,327	20,502	20,496
Queensland ..	9,201	9,530	9,622	10,576	9,385	9,459
South Australia ..	5,539	6,288	6,712	6,482	5,984	6,049
Western Australia ..	4,234	4,769	5,076	4,587	4,478	4,712
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,575	2,430	2,527	2,494	2,413
Northern Territory ..	69	122	83	49	31	35
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	70	76	68	70	73
Australia ..	66,451	71,176	75,191	74,486	69,596	70,231

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	9.59	9.78	10.37	10.16	9.28	9.31
Victoria ..	10.15	10.60	11.18	10.77	10.26	10.18
Queensland ..	9.19	9.19	9.27	10.06	8.81	8.77
South Australia ..	9.35	10.44	10.99	10.53	9.62	9.62
Western Australia ..	9.20	10.07	10.60	9.56	9.23	9.61
Tasmania ..	9.71	10.74	10.09	10.43	10.16	9.73
Northern Territory ..	12.05	19.44	16.97	9.53	5.99	6.70
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.39	4.76	5.20	4.82	4.85	4.95
Australia ..	9.64	10.02	10.49	10.30	9.53	9.52

(a) Preliminary rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	29,983	34,533	26,302	26,426	25,283
Victoria ..	17,113	20,898	23,636	18,356	17,857	16,501
Queensland ..	8,853	9,885	11,722	9,979	11,325	9,905
South Australia ..	5,489	6,855	8,129	6,263	6,019	5,321
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,077	5,441	4,528	4,506	3,788
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,150	2,431	2,102	1,935	1,868
Northern Territory ..	67	179	53	46	31	48
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	121	115	97	102	108
Australia ..	62,411	75,148	86,060	67,673	68,201	62,822

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
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MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	9.03	10.74	12.25	9.26	9.20	8.72
Victoria ..	9.16	10.79	12.03	9.27	8.94	8.20
Queensland ..	8.85	9.53	11.29	9.49	10.63	9.18
South Australia ..	9.26	11.38	13.31	10.18	9.68	8.46
Western Australia ..	9.03	10.72	11.37	9.44	9.28	7.73
Tasmania ..	8.83	8.96	10.10	8.67	7.88	7.53
Northern Territory ..	11.70	28.52	10.84	8.94	5.99	9.19
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.74	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.06	7.32
Australia ..	9.05	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.33	8.51

(a) Preliminary rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	2,264	2,116	2,072	1,829	1,889
Victoria ..	1,038	1,246	1,497	1,399	1,258	1,155
Queensland ..	784	842	736	878	768	795
South Australia ..	287	356	448	482	387	394
Western Australia ..	309	357	365	342	354	315
Tasmania ..	195	255	225	227	199	159
Northern Territory ..	6	18	4	6	2	5
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	6	9	7	9	5
Australia ..	4,607	5,344	5,400	5,413	4,806	4,717

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	43.77	40.19	36.18	30.68	30.63
Victoria ..	34.21	36.21	41.67	35.76	31.96	28.03
Queensland ..	41.28	39.13	34.77	37.79	31.32	29.76
South Australia ..	30.50	32.47	39.72	36.67	29.07	28.08
Western Australia ..	33.80	35.28	36.86	32.63	32.57	29.52
Tasmania ..	39.74	48.98	42.41	40.56	38.27	27.48
Northern Territory ..	58.82	83.33	43.48	75.00	22.47	55.56
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	16.39	22.96	18.62	23.44	12.35
Australia ..	38.26	39.72	39.50	36.26	31.34	29.38

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a) 10,886
1936-40(b)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(b)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939(b) ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940(b) ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941(b) ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942(b) ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943(b) ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944(b) ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	(a) 2,183
1945(b) ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	(a) 2,629

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

(b) Excludes troop movements.



MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons who arrived or departed.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended December, 1945.	Year 1944.	Year 1945.	Quarter ended December, 1945.	Year 1944.	Year 1945.
European—						
American (U.S.) ..	299	1,221	674	119	948	754
British (b) (Native born) ..	4,622	5,285	12,319	4,813	7,487	16,010
Danish ..	11	11	25	16	10	35
Dutch ..	894	239	1,257	88	56	204
Finnish ..	..	2	2	..	2	1
French ..	136	356	343	67	288	352
German ..	25	22	47	6	18	46
Greek ..	4	17	9	4	7	11
Italian ..	11	4	15	5	3	44
Norwegian ..	16	12	32	9	16	20
Polish ..	14	25	42	13	23	36
Russian ..	28	21	69	7	32	49
Swedish ..	10	8	16	3	8	20
Swiss ..	25	5	34	9	7	26
Yugoslav ..	4	..	5	..	3	3
Other ..	32	22	74	16	45	80
Total European ..	6,131	7,250	14,963	5,175	8,953	17,691
Non-European—						
Chinese ..	61	40	149	19	431	50
East Indian (natives) ..	2	9	31	10	175	107
Filipino ..	4	47	10	10	1	10
Indian and Cingalese ..	28	107	145	53	44	94
Japanese ..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Malay ..	..	7	..	..	6	1
Thai ..	1	..	1	..	2	..
Syrian ..	2	2	3	..	..	..
Other Asiatic ..	20	21	37	7	15	18
Papuan ..	..	..	1	2	14	6
Polynesian, Melanesian ..	11	7	17	5	26	18
Other Non-European ..	5	6	18	1	13	8
Total Non-European ..	135	247	413	107	727	314
GRAND TOTAL ..	6,266	7,497	15,376	5,282	9,680	18,005

(a) Excludes troop movements.

(b) Includes Maltese and Cypriote.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Countries whence the Persons arrived or to which they departed.

Country.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended December, 1945.	Year 1944.	Year 1945.	Quarter ended December, 1945.	Year 1944.	Year 1945.
Great Britain ..	510	482	2,199	2,409	808	7,191
Canada ..	67	41	90	53	136	111
Fiji ..	11	126	71	36	74	108
Hong Kong ..	424	..	429	7	..	27
India and Ceylon ..	422	559	1,021	340	514	1,100
New Zealand ..	1,558	2,908	5,076	1,399	3,507	4,215
Norfolk Island ..	27	96	95	18	117	114
Papua ..	39	333	282	254	635	444
Solomon Islands ..	..	10	8	..	21	10
Straits Settlements ..	832	..	874	65	..	66
Territory of New Guinea ..	134	396	571	46	862	246
Union of South Africa ..	186	173	478	79	155	405
Other British Possessions ..	43	17	59	111	11	126
 Total, British Countries	4,253	5,141	11,253	4,817	6,840	14,163
 Egypt ..	..	2	1	6	15	16
France ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Japan ..	74	..	75	..	..	..
Netherlands East Indies ..	756	106	1,039	70	237	335
New Caledonia ..	110	430	286	51	207	309
Philippine Islands ..	127	1	656	42	..	124
South Sea Islands ..	54	149	150	23	166	171
United States of America ..	818	1,477	1,754	194	2,057	2,673
Other Foreign Countries ..	74	191	157	79	158	214
 Total Foreign Countries	2,013	2,356	4,123	465	2,840	3,842
 GRAND TOTAL ..	6,266	7,497	15,376	5,282	9,680	18,005

(a) Excludes troop movements.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944-45 (a) ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,521,810

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.			
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944-45(a) ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,991,944	4,598,318	669,943

(a) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944-45(b) ..	6.25	4.41	25.15	0.83	20.1	2.95

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

(b) Subject to revision.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1941-42 ..	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43 ..	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,302	1,533,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944-45(a) ..	2,844,804	2,141,729	332,365	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,463,151
1945-46(b) ..	4,047,000	3,227,000	400,000	2,040,000	1,800,000	3,000	1,000	11,518,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39 ..	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1941-42 ..	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43 ..	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44 ..	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	39,351	109,719,577
1944-45a ..	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,980,766	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,879,802
1945-46b ..	62,500,000	32,500,000	8,000,000	20,700,000	20,500,000	60,000	20,000	144,280,000

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Forecast.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944-45 ^a	6.02	1.63	21.00	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.25
1945-46 ^b	15.44	10.07	20.00	10.15	11.39	20.00	20.00	12.53

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Forecast.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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HORSES.

1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943 ^c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	^a 43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944 ^c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	^a 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945 ^c	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	^a 31,803	1,091	1,359,205

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,658	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	795,179	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,482	13,560,754
1943 ^c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,967	14,005,320
1944 ^c	3,143,378	2,013,033	6,524,553	414,997	870,939	230,127	978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945 ^c	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,323	852,563	224,688	978,370	9,320	14,133,167

SHEEP.

1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,391
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	(b) 239,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943 ^c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	^a 34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944 ^c	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,253,584	10,359,669	11,012,930	2,187,799	^a 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945 ^c	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	^a 29,269	250,778	105,370,865

PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942 ^c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	^a 418	854	1,477,303
1943 ^c	480,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	^a 532	779	1,563,000
1944 ^c	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	^a 191	657	1,746,721
1945 ^c	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	^a 146	689	1,630,855

(a) December, previous year. (b) As at March. (c) As at 31st March; 1945 figures subject to revision.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1937-38..	495,027	178,890	^a 174,751	86,606	70,685	15,599	35	1,797	1,023,390
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	^a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,510	35	1,900	988,582
1939-40..	546,273	179,126	^a 195,770	105,266	80,657	18,334	35	2,233	1,127,694
1940-41..	536,908	187,831	^a 214,704	106,647	76,170	17,078	308	2,128	1,141,774
1941-42..	547,000	212,910	204,119	105,124	78,500	16,985	308	2,203	1,167,158
1942-43..	497,538	212,325	213,966	108,637	99,231	17,256	308	1,905	1,151,166
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016
1944-45..	448,683	^b 176,998	178,622	106,708	86,841	17,378	308	(b) 1,763	^b 1,017,301

(a) For year ended 31st December of previous year.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Estimated.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40 ..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41 ..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42 ..	39,831	62,864	43,582	9,183	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942-43 ..	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943-44 ..	41,231	49,888	45,906	8,841	6,578	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45 ..	34,028	(a) 47,508	(a) 42,948	(a) 7,650	(a) 5,930	4,091	..	a 142,155

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40 ..	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41 ..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42 ..	2,348	10,054	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,143
1942-43 ..	2,350	11,280	12,737	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,130
1943-44 ..	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45 ..	2,005	(a) 12,357	(a) 10,126	(a) 8,273	(a) 772	1,181	..	(a) 34,714

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	11,704	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40 ..	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41 ..	14,091	8,946	10,290	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42 ..	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942-43 ..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802
1943-44 ..	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	45,723
1944-45 ..	20,148	(a) 10,106	(a) 14,242	(a) 4,826	(a) 5,035	1,227	..	(a) 55,584

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
				Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	229,846
1940 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	19,720	287,729	15,871,976	3,501	249,758
1941 ..	1,643,990	11,725,683	1,212,006	20,859	289,436	15,412,581	3,494	249,105
1942 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	1,475,707	20,402	263,183	14,241,811	2,931	221,654
1943 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	1,557,641	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,900
1944 ..	656,866	13,756,089	1,305,357	28,025	189,485	9,365,726	2,540	174,308
1945(d)	655,000	12,792,878	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Not yet available. (d) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,800	191,835	126,035	12,060,166
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,057	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944 ..	657,152	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,370
1945 ..	461,293	661,430	668,526	2,970	5,012,203	139,573	76,800	7,022,795

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	483,643	..	6,255,860
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	477	23,916	358,966	..	5,588,557
1943 ..	3,752,672	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,058	..	4,335,382
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,682

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195

TIN.

1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	888,795
1944 ..	309,860	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929

COAL (Black and Brown).

1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786
1943 ..	9,290,095	958,024	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,679,792
1944 ..	9,206,063	974,237	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,683,787

ALL MINERALS.

1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,888,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,250,888
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181
1943 ..	15,968,578	1,593,994	4,214,525	3,070,716	6,388,758	2,378,533	130,795	33,740,896
1944 ..	16,158,789	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,497	2,220,136	126,025	33,178,305

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	60,909	41,571	62,133	77,093	78,437
Pastoral ..	63,821	81,388	83,952	85,358	101,014	108,406
Dairying ..	33,782	36,843	35,706	34,344	42,244	44,823
Poultry ..	7,302	6,979	6,264	6,497	10,724	12,884
Bee-farming ..	123	166	309	408	323	393
Total Rural ..	146,707	186,285	167,802	188,740	231,398	244,943
Trapping ..	1,422	2,115	3,720	5,046	3,550	6,684
Forestry ..	7,780	8,133	9,196	10,051	10,590	11,224
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,557	1,668	1,773	1,930	1,968
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	30,583	32,365	33,410	30,767	27,459
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	42,388	46,949	50,280	46,837	47,335
Total All Primary	184,939	228,673	214,751	239,020	278,235	292,278
Factories ..	203,416	221,295	257,914	316,438	352,001	366,236
Total All Industries	388,355	449,968	472,665	555,458	630,236	658,514

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—*continued.*
PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	6 0 4	8 14 1	5 17 9	8 14 1	10 14 2	10 15 11
Pastoral ..	9 4 3	11 12 8	11 17 6	11 19 2	14 0 7	14 18 4
Dairying ..	4 17 6	5 5 4	5 1 1	4 16 3	5 17 4	6 3 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	1 0 0	0 17 7	0 18 3	1 9 10	1 15 6
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 10	0 1 2	0 0 11	0 1 1
Total Rural ..	21 3 6	26 12 7	23 14 9	26 8 11	32 2 10	33 14 2
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 6 1	0 10 7	0 14 2	0 9 10	0 18 5
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 3 3	1 6 1	1 8 2	1 9 5	1 10 10
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 4 5	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 4	0 5 5
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	4 7 5	4 11 5	4 13 6	4 5 6	3 15 7
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 1 2	6 12 10	7 0 10	6 10 1	6 10 3
Total All Primary	26 13 10	32 13 9	30 7 7	33 9 9	38 12 11	40 4 5
Factories ..	29 7 3	31 12 7	36 9 10	44 6 9	48 17 11	50 8 0
Total All Industries	56 1 1	64 6 4	66 17 5	77 16 6	87 10 10	90 12 5

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production	Value of Output.
No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
1943-44	27,674	766,506	216,873,819	358,139,374	498,923,060	366,235,487	891,739,216
1944-45c	28,796	751,930	207,651,800	363,347,817	496,764,762	362,221,276	885,818,789

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel used .. £	7,651,627	3,909,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. " materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. " production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. " output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. " land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. " plant & mechry. £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127
1942-43.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	2,641	2,134	1,799	992	26,414
2. Hands employed(a) ..	315,524	262,358	64,292	72,748	25,813	18,310	759,045
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,307,663	6,514,447	2,105,774	2,469,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,626,522
5. " materials used £	207,599,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,868	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. " production .. £	153,682,262	121,391,367	29,044,560	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	352,002,056
7. " output of fact's. £	373,489,055	277,635,940	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,703,930	850,348,656
8. " land & buildings £	72,622,902	52,642,052	13,159,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,195	167,593,947
9. " plant & mechry. £	73,121,771	51,963,258	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,339	176,965,326

(a) Average over whole year; including working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Manufacturing Industries—State Details—continued.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
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1943-44.

1. Factories .. No.	10,755	9,317	2,652	2,149	1,807	994	27,674
2. Hands employed(a) .. £	323,032	261,331	64,682	69,569	28,101	19,791	766,506
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	93,518,326	73,961,193	18,071,689	18,711,413	7,417,595	5,193,603	216,873,819
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,808,040	6,826,742	2,162,113	2,436,049	1,503,344	844,381	26,580,669
5. " materials used £	223,603,640	154,490,654	57,945,796	36,730,842	15,193,718	10,958,410	498,923,060
6. " production .. £	162,726,010	123,330,518	30,210,528	28,411,486	12,511,526	9,045,419	366,235,487
7. " output of fact's. £	399,137,690	284,647,914	90,318,437	67,578,377	29,208,588	20,848,210	891,739,216
8. " land & buildings £	78,978,013	55,062,982	13,262,504	17,629,235	6,920,805	5,293,066	177,146,605
9. " plant & mchnr'y. £	73,803,954	55,457,719	17,886,417	18,415,477	7,364,909	8,064,293	180,992,769

1944-45.(c)

1. Factories .. No.	11,359	9,669	2,783	2,182	1,797	1,006	28,796
2. Hands employed(a) .. £	314,678	258,573	64,135	65,887	29,146	19,511	751,930
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	89,243,041	70,560,011	17,079,827	17,246,148	7,614,243	5,008,530	207,651,800
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,564,956	6,946,058	2,222,879	2,555,739	1,645,987	897,137	26,832,751
5. " materials used £	215,219,002	157,975,042	59,593,548	35,284,903	17,184,744	11,557,523	496,764,762
6. " production .. £	159,874,627	122,501,216	30,902,038	27,081,062	12,960,009	8,902,324	362,221,276
7. " output of fact's. £	387,658,585	287,422,311	92,718,465	64,921,704	31,740,740	21,356,984	885,818,789
8. " land & buildings £	81,058,876	57,808,861	13,689,055	13,877,449	7,654,187	5,491,679	179,580,107
9. " plant & mchnr'y. £	73,039,252	58,571,064	18,134,011	17,955,288	8,104,881	7,963,214	183,767,710

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
proprietor.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
		£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,846,992	5,043,168	4,758,486
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	6,191,079	4,841,965	4,528,864
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	24,828,034	29,111,775	25,928,424
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	119,872,922	148,220,089	157,391,098
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,315,010	931,516	1,020,772
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	20,953,759	21,812,445	22,766,729
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	5,156,273	5,473,293	5,885,080
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	23,634,446	23,181,403	24,896,161
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	53,154,567	56,842,302	59,153,039
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	12,971,441	13,427,479	14,084,261
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c..	4,200,035	4,863,463	4,061,659	4,063,839
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	17,080,273	17,238,875	18,350,059
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,861,465	3,647,766	3,862,931
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	190,238	158,484	155,806
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	4,009,285	4,665,317	5,283,655
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	12,509,781	13,344,520	13,506,283
Total ..	203,416,610	316,439,028	352,002,056	366,235,487

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	23.43	25.98	20.72	27.69	25.40	24.91	24.32
Fuel and Light ..	3.21	2.40	2.39	3.60	5.15	4.04	2.98
Materials used ..	56.02	54.27	64.16	54.35	52.02	52.57	55.95
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.34	17.35	12.73	14.36	17.43	18.48	16.75
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.47	59.97	59.82	65.86	59.29	57.42	59.22

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females ..	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males (b) ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	330.04
Females (b) ..	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

(b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1943-44.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	226,824	175,078	50,822	50,660	21,060	14,697	539,141
Females ..	96,208	86,253	13,860	18,909	7,041	5,094	227,365
Masculinity(a) ..	236	203	367	268	299	289	237

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1941-42 ..	4,641,087	533,031	5,174,118	4,490,010	1,103,876	5,593,886
1942-43 ..	3,547,084	277,405	3,824,489	3,472,423	816,321	4,288,744
1943-44 ..	3,603,728	879,800	4,483,528	4,360,359	842,892	5,203,251
1944-45 ..	3,883,465	600,370	4,483,835	3,586,655	1,061,861	4,648,516
1944-45 (six months) ..	2,406,079	521,407	2,927,486	2,401,587	608,111	3,009,698
1945-46 (six months) ..	2,129,122	169,876	2,298,998	1,762,166	706,446	2,468,612

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO(a).—Discharged and Shipped, States.
(,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.
1944-45 (Six months).								
New South Wales ..	1,368	353	828	497	1,695	238	526	800
Victoria ..	1,153	164	584	232	385	251	199	274
Queensland ..	272	188	437	96	242	92	180	159
South Australia ..	617	100	171	29	1,202	73	579	37
Western Australia ..	132	73	281	33	65	68	381	37
Tasmania ..	183	154	44	5	227	166	50	11
Northern Territory(b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,730	1,032	2,345	892	3,816	888	1,915	818
1945-46 (Six months.)								
New South Wales ..	1,194	278	914	584	1,299	179	322	330
Victoria ..	1,093	121	647	214	313	148	89	279
Queensland ..	132	159	474	86	205	92	243	74
South Australia ..	535	100	187	23	913	70	136	18
Western Australia ..	146	81	296	12	230	25	91	21
Tasmania ..	178	124	60	4	192	162	39	33
Northern Territory(b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,278	863	2,578	923	3,152	676	920	755
Total 1944-45 ..	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,666	1,640	3,060	1,811
,, 1943-44 ..	7,215	1,965	4,188	1,781	7,517	1,722	3,355	1,702
,, 1942-43 ..	6,925	2,023	3,654	1,424	7,603	1,808	2,380	1,257
,, 1941-42 ..	7,582	2,150	3,750	1,757	8,100	1,903	2,858	1,300
,, 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies. (b) Port of Darwin closed.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1946.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	..	..	..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—						
Beef ..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. "
Mutton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. "
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	..	..	107s. "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) ..	..	..	..	..	..	107s. "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	..	..	..	..	107s. "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar (Raw) ..	..	..	..	..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	..	..	..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	..	..	..	..	107s. "
Dried Fruits ..	..	..	..	..	..	85s.
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	..	6s. per bushel case."
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	..	..	..	..	6s.
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—						
*Wheat, Parcels, all States ..	..	..	..	..	..	115s. per ton weight
" Charter, Eastern States ..	..	..	..	..	..	120s. "
" Western Australia ..	..	..	..	..	..	110s. "
*Barley ..	..	..	..	..	..	150s. 9d. "
*Oats ..	..	..	..	..	..	160s. "
*Maize ..	..	..	..	..	..	149s. "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—						
*Flour, Wheaten ..	..	..	..	..	..	125s.
*Bran ..	..	..	..	..	..	184s. "
*Pollard ..	..	..	..	..	..	155s. "
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	..	..	..	..	155s. "
WINE ..	..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st March, 1946—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—						
Hides and Skins—Calf	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb.
Sheep	..	..	..	..	1½d.	" "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "
Other	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb.
Tops	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—						
Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton weight.
Copra	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d.	per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	..	..	..	..	107s.	" "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb.
APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—						
Apparel and Attire	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	187s.	per ton weight.
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—						
Oils, Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	" " measurement.
PAINTS AND VARNISHES						
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—						
Ore (in cases)	..	..	..	..	126s.	per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risorion	..	..	..	..	65s.	per ton weight, less 2½%.
*Other than above	..	..	..	..	65s.	per ton weight.
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	252s.	" " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	110s.	" " "
*Copper	..	..	..	..	90s.	" " "
*Lead	..	..	..	..	81s.	" " "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	..	..	..	..	111s.	" " "
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	..	..	..	..	127s.	" " "
Tyres	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d.	" " "
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	30s. 6d.	" " "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—						
Rubber	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d.	per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d.	per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—						
Timber, Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	40s.	per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	43s.	" " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d.	" " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d.	" " "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS						
STATIONERY	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—						
Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	107s.	" " "
MISCELLANEOUS—						
Soap	..	..	..	..	107s.	" " "
Casein	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d.	" " "
SPECIE	..	..	..	..	25s.	per cent.

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st March, 1946.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	31 0.6	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..	29 8.4	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	..	40 6.0	..	49 4.8	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	28 7.2	..
Hobart	50 8.4	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Auckland	..	..	46 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Wellington	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Lyttleton	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Hebrides	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	..
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	..	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges:—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.

IMPORTS.(a)

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1942-43.		1943-44.		1944-45.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ stg.	£ s. d.	£ stg.	£ s. d.	£ stg.
New South Wales	46,348	33,294	86,354	40,225	101,867	40,757	101,330
Victoria	35,455	28,014	110,433	27,713	90,252	27,767	64,769
Queensland	7,956	4,492	7,549	7,153	12,870	5,488	12,956
South Australia	5,851	3,947	5,859	3,812	4,781	4,055	4,656
Western Australia	5,384	2,695	3,238	2,881	3,408	3,701	4,042
Tasmania	1,133	957	1,009	639	1,046	700	730
Northern Territory	29	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	102,156	73,399	214,442	82,423	214,224	82,408	188,483

EXPORTS.(b)

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1942-43.		1943-44.		1944-45.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
New South Wales	45,903	31,859	54,263	35,332	54,089	37,509	60,837
Victoria	30,819	27,985	34,550	30,860	36,547	35,539	40,071
Queensland	28,652	17,974	18,624	16,460	17,889	15,189	18,283
South Australia	14,841	8,035	9,423	11,432	15,585	14,088	19,167
Western Australia	17,070	4,386	5,312	8,964	11,423	8,191	12,382
Tasmania	3,198	884	885	1,082	1,149	2,465	2,531
Northern Territory	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estimated unrecorded	..	..	2,500	..	10,000	..	2,000
Total(c)	140,496	91,123	125,557	104,130	146,682	112,931	155,271

(a) Subject to revision as some imports of war materials and some goods imported for civil consumption under United States Lend-Lease and Canadian Mutual Aid have not yet been included.

(b) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

(c) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1938-39..	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£ stg.	£ stg.	£ stg.	£ stg.
1942-43..	214,357	102,156	108,188	4,013	112,201	31 4 7	14 17 8	15 15 3	0 11 8	16 6 11	
1943-44..	314,687	214,442	98,084	2,161	100,245	48 14 3	29 15 9	13 12 6	0 6 0	13 18 6	
1944-45..	331,336	214,224	113,790	3,321	117,111	45 12 0	29 9 8	15 13 2	0 9 2	16 2 4	
1945-46..	312,452	188,483	121,042	2,927	123,969	42 11 2	25 13 5	16 9 9	0 8 0	16 17 9	
(nine mths.)	223,472	110,862	100,569	3,041	103,610	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of ships' stores in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £2,106; 1942-43, £6,016; 1943-44, £8,479; 1944-45, £11,373; and 1945-46 (nine months), £5,056.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.			
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.(a)	Specie and Bullion.	Total.(b)	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	
1938-39..	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	
1942-43..	212,107	2,335	214,442	100,242	3	100,245	—	111,865	—	2,332
1943-44..	210,028	4,196	214,224	117,103	8	117,111	—	92,925	—	4,188
1944-45..	186,044	2,439	188,483	123,961	8	123,969	—	62,083	—	2,431
1945-46..	118,666	1,196	119,862	103,254	356	103,610	—	15,412	—	840
(nine mths.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £121,533; 1942-43, £125,552; 1943-44, £140,672; 1944-45, £155,262; and 1945-46 (nine months), £129,326. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown in the table above for the years 1938-39 and 1942-43 to 1944-45; 1945-46 (nine months), £129,772.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1945 and 1946, the years ended December, 1944 and 1945, and the nine months of the financial years 1944-45 and 1945-46.

Division.	March Quarter.		Year ended December.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944.	1945.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	113,640	149,243	470,640	517,131	370,000	416,274
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	1,230,407	1,406,073	5,777,630	5,556,585	4,239,903	4,247,151
3. Sugar		22	9	6	1	23
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	199,499	301,555	644,072	827,835	586,026	720,368
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	268,997	407,375	970,567	1,132,871	773,296	950,067
6. Metals and Machinery	245,123	341,813	1,046,344	851,701	699,701	768,035
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	2,044,633	3,125,036	8,149,487	9,588,380	6,201,390	8,344,045
8. Earthenware, &c.	37,267	75,592	120,061	192,912	108,267	187,388
9. Drugs and Chemicals	59,603	69,321	164,464	202,283	150,446	165,030
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	59,846	86,469	180,282	281,890	168,601	226,836
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	98,900	172,499	349,395	410,993	276,930	406,517
12. Leather and Rubber	44,969	53,846	282,957	166,044	193,543	141,665
13. Paper and Stationery	17,125	26,677	63,027	73,751	52,925	67,761
14. Vehicles	7,297	33,134	28,555	34,550	20,067	51,311
15. Musical Instruments		41	713	573	1,411	307
16. Miscellaneous	261,955	415,700	498,668	1,178,922	510,622	1,079,631
Primage	523,123	938,443	2,380,579	2,455,795	1,718,938	2,259,170
Ships' Stores	7,708	14,300	32,650	32,304	26,154	30,672
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	32,359	33,852	122,140	132,578	94,282	99,391
Total Customs	5,252,492	7,652,263	21,292,000	23,637,942	16,191,498	20,169,198
EXCISE.						
Beer	5,732,833	5,789,514	21,829,506	21,579,193	16,633,613	16,595,264
Carbonic Acid Gas	92,103	107,770	319,519	315,955	248,349	258,891
Cigarette Papers	205,866	182,451	854,573	720,446	625,684	523,589
Matches	292,412	292,990	1,143,398	1,172,231	897,602	874,683
Petrol	70,459	35,311	289,293	326,808	223,504	180,774
Playing Cards	8,849	9,335	44,868	34,383	32,603	23,554
Spirits	1,360,736	2,085,268	5,474,020	5,830,289	4,151,267	5,208,058
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	3,766,167	4,010,767	16,869,617	15,899,193	12,121,282	12,263,949
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	54,516	88,248	252,821	345,194	178,423	305,108
Total Excise	11,592,941	12,601,663	47,077,615	46,223,692	35,112,327	36,233,870
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	16,845,433	20,253,926	68,369,615	69,861,634	51,303,825	56,403,068
Refunds and Drawback paid	388,033	381,159	1,811,546	1,817,971	1,181,369	1,308,192
TOTAL NET REVENUE	16,457,400	19,872,767	66,558,069	68,043,663	50,122,456	55,094,876

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1945. (VALUES IN BRITISH CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	New Zealand.	Palestine.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	Iran.	Sweden.	Switzerland.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
20	20	76	1,655	799	113	147	..	..	..	..	..	134	383
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	116	106	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	432	4,050
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	126	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof. ..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,452	2,813
5. Live animals ..	14	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs ..	21	..	..	76	334	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	457
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	160	10	20	1,122	246	..	105	190	4	..	31	1,047	3,438
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	7,716	275	19	2,696	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1,554
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	14	11	17	38	31	..	7	..	..	..	..	1,719	12,313
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	226	12	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,403
11. Rocks and minerals ..	33	20	10	2	5	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	128
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery ..	9,364	880	1	5	27	..	2	..	..	..	..	13,085	3,627
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	132	3	665	30	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,671
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	19	368	..	1	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,043
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	614	27	..	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	348
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	984	1,032	4	1	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	800
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	172	33	1	2	48	18	24	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments ..	339	105	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	523
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	1,352	103	9	32	16	93	..	..	..	..	..	1	494
20. Miscellaneous ..	9,436	19	2	123	85	1	13	161	..	..	..	8	956
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	812	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	687
Total	30,859	3,083	2,403	4,931	1,548	124	188	353	5,349	191	301	26,199	(a)83,766

(a) Estimated value in Australian currency £A.104,917,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.
(VALUES IN AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya. (British.)	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	Egypt.	France.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin.	7,353	41	1,199	2,245	94	5	130	1	609	..	1	237	67
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	500	207	1,409	1,823	184	1,298	176	..	115	..	294	11	15,932
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	194	79	43	67	17	100	18	..	21	..	115	3	11,590
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof..	..	..	30	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	33	608
5. Live animals	..	..	5	8	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	36
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs..	11,642	1,340	..	831	..	32	5	740	164	1,431	..	13,442	30,979
7. Vegetable substances and fibres..	275	..	1	4	1	38	4	..	..	..	..	..	110
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel..	321	14	18	271	271	399	95	7	280	20	66	40	2,358
9. Oils, fats and waxes..	150	39	22	68	1	72	11	..	..	10	196	18	1,661
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
11. Rocks and minerals..	529	..	..	9	..	32	1	31	..	..	..	..	407
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery..	1,521	2	63	738	94	852	300	98	11	664	20	535	6,490
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof..	214	2	1	6	1	270	34	..	17	..	1	..	639
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured..	68	4	1	1	1	141	42	..	..	..	2	4	368
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c..	..	2	1	3	2	74	..	..	..	..	2	1	169
16. Pulp, paper and stationery..	11	1	2	2	3	106	7	..	..	..	15	6	230
17. Fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces..	22	..	2	2	4	14	12	..	..	..	6	6	103
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments..	55	..	..	25	12	65	4	..	2	..	6	11	295
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers..	47	47	32	37	31	236	30	3	63	..	50	174	1,437
20. Miscellaneous..	104	3	17	81	82	190	4	..	37	5	491	44	4,177
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	84	..	425
Total ..	23,006	1,781	2,846	6,221	802	3,990	874	880	1,321	2,131	1,618	14,888	(a)80,199

(a) Estimated value in British currency £Stg.64,032,000.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE. (a)

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SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(b)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	s. d. 1 6.7 1 4.8	s. d. 1 6.7 1 5.0	s. d. 1 6.7 1 5.0	s. d. 1 6.7 1 4.4	s. d. 1 6.7 1 2.3	s. d. 1 6.7 1 2.5	s. d. 1 6.7 1 4.8	s. d. 1 6.7 1 5.2	s. d. 1 6.7 1 5.4	s. d. 1 6.7 ..	s. d. 1 6.7 ..	s. d. 1 6.7 ..	
Wool, Scoured (c)	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	2 3.8 1 10.3	2 3.9 2 4.5	2 4.4 2 4.0	2 3.7 2 4.7	2 3.7 2 4.7	2 2.4 2 3.4	2 4.0 2 7.7	2 3.0 2 3.1	2 2.2 2 4.3	2 3.0 ..	2 3.3 ..	2 2.5 ..	2 3.3 ..
Sheepskins (with wool) ..	No.	1944-45 1945-46	4 9.4 4 2.6	4 3.0 5 2.2	6 5.0 5 3.8	4 2.5 4 1.6	7 1.7 4 5.6	3 7.5 4 10.6	2 7.7 3 8.3	3 6.6 3 0.2	2 1.8 4 0.3	4 3.7 ..	3 0.7 ..	4 11.2 ..	4 5.2 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	1944-45 1945-46	4 10.0 7 0.5	5 11.8 ..	5 7.0 9 0.9	6 8.9 8 0.9	6 3.9 9 7.2	7 3.7 9 8.5	6 8.8 ..	6 2.1 9 8.8	7 1.5 9 7.6	7 2.7 ..	6 11.7 ..	5 8.5 ..	6 0.3 ..
Flour ..	cental.	1944-45 1945-46	11 7.7 14 1.2	11 5.3 14 10.2	12 0.4 17 8.1	11 10.4 17 3.2	11 2.5 20 9.0	12 10.9 21 10.5	11 10.6 22 9.7	12 4.7 22 8.3	12 8.3 22 8.1	13 5.9 ..	12 7.1 ..	15 0.0 ..	12 0.3 ..
Butter ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	1 8.6 1 6.5	1 8.1 1 6.4	1 6.7 1 4.3	1 9.0 1 5.5	1 9.3 1 5.7	1 9.4 1 6.7	1 9.2 1 5.0	1 8.3 1 6.2	1 8.4 1 6.5	1 9.3 ..	1 9.2 ..	1 9.6 ..	1 9.1 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	0 5.1 0 6.8	0 4.6 0 5.5	0 5.0 0 5.5	0 5.5 0 5.9	0 5.2 0 5.8	0 7.3 0 6.3	0 6.7 0 5.7	0 5.4 0 8.9	0 4.5 0 7.3	0 5.4 ..	0 5.3 ..	0 5.0 ..	0 5.0 ..
Wine (d) ..	gal.	1944-45 1945-46	7 1.2 7 7.6	7 7.6 7 5.0	8 2.0 7 10.2	7 0.8 7 7.5	7 5.5 7 9.5	7 0.9 9 10.4	7 6.1 7 5.7	5 11.8 7 9.2	7 9.3 6 7.5	7 3.7 ..	7 2.3 ..	7 3.2 ..	7 4.8 ..
Beef (Frozen) ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	0 5.5 0 6.2	0 6.7 0 5.5	0 6.1 0 6.0	0 6.4 0 6.0	0 5.9 0 5.7	0 7.6 0 5.6	0 7.7 0 7.8	0 6.2 0 6.8	0 6.6 0 6.5	0 6.7 ..	0 7.3 ..	0 5.9 ..	0 6.3 ..
Lamb ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	0 6.8 0 7.3	0 5.8 0 7.2	0 6.7 0 11.7	0 7.1 0 6.9	0 7.0 0 7.1	0 7.1 0 7.0	0 7.0 0 6.9	0 7.1 0 7.5	0 7.4 0 7.5	0 6.6 ..	0 8.1 ..	0 6.8 ..	0 7.1 ..
Mutton ..	lb.	1944-45 1945-46	0 4.4 0 5.2	0 4.9 0 4.2	0 4.7 0 5.1	0 5.2 0 5.5	0 5.1 0 5.1	0 4.1 0 5.1	0 4.5 0 5.4	0 4.5 0 4.5	0 4.3 0 5.1	0 4.6 ..	0 4.8 ..	0 4.4 ..	0 4.6 ..
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	1944-45 1945-46	29 0.2 41 9.8	29 2.8 32 9.0	31 7.1 30 1.8	30 11.9 45 6.9	31 3.6 44 7.2	31 4.2 53 8.1	28 10.6 60 0.5	35 1.7 50 4.6	38 4.8 70 2.9	33 5.5 ..	38 2.0 ..	35 9.6 ..	31 9.1 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	1944-45 1945-46	26 4.7 35 1.1	26 1.6 34 10.0	26 0.7 36 1.7	28 2.9 37 9.6	26 2.0 37 3.0	26 9.0 37 10.0	26 11.7 38 1.2	27 3.2 38 2.9	28 5.9 33 7.3	29 1.4 ..	28 9.7 ..	34 4.8 ..	27 8.4 ..
Zinc Bars ..	cwt.	1944-45 1945-46	41 9.0 39 2.0	34 3.5 34 8.3	26 8.0 44 1.6	37 5.9 43 11.5	29 0.5 41 6.2	25 0.1 43 8.8	28 5.6 36 6.0	28 3.1 46 7.9	26 11.3 50 6.6	30 4.1 ..	30 2.3 ..	42 4.7 ..	31 2.7 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	1944-45 1945-46	£ s. d. 14 18 0 17 14 9	£ s. d. 14 18 0 18 10 4	£ s. d. 14 18 0 18 10 0	£ s. d. 14 18 2 18 6 4	£ s. d. 14 18 0 18 12 7	£ s. d. 14 18 0 18 10 0	£ s. d. 14 18 0 20 7 11	£ s. d. 14 17 11 21 10 7	£ s. d. 14 18 0 ..	£ s. d. 14 18 0 ..	£ s. d. 14 18 0 ..	£ s. d. 14 17 4 ..	£ s. d. 14 17 10 ..

(a) Values in Australian currency.

(b) Average price of total exports for the year.

(c) Includes nolls, tops and waste.

(d) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	Novem- ber.	Decem- ber.	January.	Februa- ry.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	44,845 57,604	19,164 44,664	29,244 44,147	30,728 30,039	29,116 58,777	45,641 60,025	45,461 63,772	63,694 84,790	40,939 74,715	45,188 ..	53,074 ..	49,623 ..	496,717 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c.	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	8,706 10,711	3,908 7,798	7,165 6,745	7,613 4,106	5,512 9,285	6,154 3,121	7,133 7,817	7,377 9,186	7,384 9,001	5,086 ..	9,113 ..	6,514 ..	81,665 ..
Sheepskins (with wool)	'000 No.	{1944-45 1945-46	638 4,111	426 599	257 295	258 701	453 1,077	409 357	416 2,153	492 768	463 1,481	479 ..	362 ..	2,063 ..	6,716 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{1944-45 1945-46	4,150 37	7,600 ..	6,879 93	4,587 1	3,180 ..	2,711 243	1,880 ..	1,380 \$10	8 1,687	7 ..	1 ..	8 ..	32,391 ..
Flour ..	'000 cental	{1944-45 1945-46	369 450	1,912 184	924 298	2,896 155	1,218 402	698 585	555 973	789 1,198	767 1,393	324 ..	544 ..	199 ..	11,195 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	1,578 6,678	1,872 3,679	1,175 5,319	5,638 10,587	20,632 13,399	24,567 15,710	8,865 15,881	6,751 15,622	2,525 11,523	6,474 ..	7,156 ..	6,506 ..	93,739 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined	'000 ton	{1944-45 1945-46	1 13	4 24	6 8	6 25	1 21	11 15	5 5	15 10	12 1	14 ..	17 ..	22 ..	114 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	26,829 5,186	29,162 2,543	8,171 2,595	6,696 1,388	1,376 3,387	340 1,425	700 415	1,188 124	10,907 70	13,784 ..	12,752 ..	14,470 ..	126,375 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{1944-45 1945-46	112 176	109 180	114 79	80 130	171 216	145 40	109 154	53 219	135 87	153 ..	183 ..	187 ..	1,551 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	10,830 17,104	2,953 4,692	6,406 5,862	2,299 17,377	3,118 8,971	1,660 4,147	967 ..	6,084 4,320	5,589 19,151	9,058 ..	4,489 ..	9,754 ..	63,147 ..
Lamb ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	147 1,917	716 39	2,521 9	9,170 1,202	22,308 4,990	34,730 9,978	28,373 5,831	8,045 8,115	1,784 873	80 ..	859 ..	39 ..	108,772 ..
Mutton ..	'000 lb.	{1944-45 1945-46	1,954 674	479 2,504	2,392 1,072	1,785 2,356	2,032 3,594	2,992 1,370	6,643 1,556	5,272 764	5,203 1,639	3,701 ..	2,545 ..	3,024 ..	38,022 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	{1944-45 1945-46	67 38	101 29	27 8	19 17	42 13	28 6	11 5	16 3	9 ..	26 ..	32 ..	44 ..	422 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{1944-45 1945-46	606 220	239 150	467 79	352 355	242 185	353 188	504 129	254 28	202 182	230 ..	236 ..	326 ..	4,011 ..
Zinc Bars ..	'000 cwt.	{1944-45 1945-46	32 130	90 68	167 77	109 127	59 50	122 84	100 210	134 12	25 36	141 ..	88 ..	137 ..	1,204 ..

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Preserved in Tins .. .	14	45	325	246
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. .. .	30	46	76	109
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins .. .	1	..	15	11
Potted and Concentrated .. .	1	23	4	31
Sausage Casings .. .	29	28	68	70
Other .. .	..	..	..	1
Milk and Cream .. .	1	2	1	5
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .	4	43	27	97
Total, Class I. .. .	80	187	516	570
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter .. .	..	5	..	89
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .	54	172	467	684
Coffee and Chicory .. .	198	67	413	264
Confectionery .. .	..	..	1	8
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates .. .	105	97	105	97
Fresh .. .	..	1	1	2
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid .. .	1	3	1	4
Ginger .. .	10	12	18	49
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared .. .	18	210	112	767
Prepared .. .	3	7	10	9
Liquorice .. .	6	1	19	29
Nuts, Edible .. .	14	30	113	89
Pickles and Sauces .. .	4	..	4	..
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape .. .	5	8	80	67
Spices .. .	40	28	118	143
Sugar and Sugar Products .. .	3	2	10	11
Tea .. .	679	1,420	2,649	3,733
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .	7	24	39	91
Total, Class II. .. .	1,147	2,087	4,160	6,136
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. .	..	..	..	1
Gin .. .	..	2	..	2
Whisky .. .	34	48	253	177
Rum .. .	..	1	..	1
Other, including Liqueurs .. .	1	..	5	..
Wine .. .	..	1	..	1
Total, Class III. .. .	35	52	258	182

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.		1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	1	2
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	5	2
Unmanufactured	859	593
Total, Class IV.	865	596
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.	25	110
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	13	..
Gut—Imitation and Natural
Hair and Fibre	20	21
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	52	84
Sheep	1	5
Other	95	109
Silk, Raw
Wool	3	5
Other Animal Substances	2	10
Total, Class VI.	186	234
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	109	70
Cork and Cork Manufactures	41	18
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	405	355
Flax, Hemp, &c.	217	17
Kapok	9	32
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments	1	3
Other	83	113
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	1	24
Gums and Resins	32	200
Plastic Materials	245	187
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	4	89
Linseed	271	364
Other	97	7
Tanning Substances	57	53
Other Vegetable Substances	1	50
Total, Class VII.	1,573	1,582
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	87	48
Corn and Flour	1,293	313
Woolpacks	180	38
Other	5	5
Cordage and Twines	20	165
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	183	149
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	285	421
Cotton	601	315
Silk
Wool	4	38
Other	30	..
Total, Class VIII. (a)	2,688	1,492
				7,023
				3,880

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings ..	16	175	21	297
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	1	19	2	37
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	32	54	78	116
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck ..	294	237	973	721
Cotton and Linen ..	4,224	2,402	13,534	6,400
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods ..	278	320	1,033	951
Lace for Attire, &c. ..	1	..	8	..
Silk, including Artificial Silk ..	1,608	1,739	4,776	4,411
Velvets, Plushes, &c. ..	11	2	22	22
Woolloons ..	116	86	318	175
Other ..	407	154	1,055	492
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c. ..	6	20	184	35
Towels and Towelling ..	67	85	219	246
Other Textiles ..	43	141	156	968
Total, Class VIII. (b) ..	7,104	5,434	22,379	14,871
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted) ..	..	4	2	7
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted) ..	2	2	3	4
Boots and Shoes ..	11	..	23	7
Buttons ..	3	9	12	24
Furs and Other Skins ..	..	5	..	5
Gloves ..	..	25	..	71
Hats and Caps ..	19	37	41	90
Socks and Stockings ..	1	..	2	..
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	234	16	273	22
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	59	189	223	391
Other Apparel and Attire ..	285	125	481	280
Total, Class VIII. (c) ..	614	412	1,060	901
Total, Class VIII. ..	10,406	7,338	30,462	19,652
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c. ..	..	55	60	217
Oils—				
Kerosene ..	315	408	1,101	972
Lubricating (Mineral) ..	111	496	1,853	1,085
Petroleum ..	1,770	2,367	5,776	6,258
Residual ..	2,570	1,340	4,176	5,129
Turpentine ..	12	49	108	108
Other ..	317	235	766	605
Total, Class IX. ..	5,150	4,955	13,997	14,358
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours ..	118	262	345	626
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c. ..	1	2	3	6
Total, Class X. ..	119	264	348	632

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	72	155	208	309
Stones—				
Abrasives	48	17	140	74
Other	1		7	
Other Minerals, &c.	121	213	670	629
Total, Class XI.	242	385	1,025	1,012
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	25	35	151	68
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	24	24	235	70
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	22	9	69	26
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	57	91	219	218
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c.			4	3
Pipes and Tubes	22	38	91	74
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	84	98	396	211
Tinned	1,271	701	3,229	2,140
Nails	12	7	38	15
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	1	4	7	4
Wire	17	40	76	168
Lamps and Lampware	23	34	126	87
Leaf and Foil	30	29	61	69
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	7	35	39	92
Platedware and Cutlery	87	191	350	395
Tools of Trade	373	224	1,132	804
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	6,086	729	15,142	6,654
Cycles and Cycle Parts	81	86	319	187
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	1	7	1	15
Chassis and Parts	2,142	935	6,342	3,923
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	11	65	275	75
Other Vehicles and Parts	184	86	1,560	1,126
Other Metals and Manufactures	297	595	990	1,592
Total, Class XII. (a)	10,857	4,063	30,852	18,016
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	77	10	121	64
Cable and Wire, covered	140	175	557	360
Dynamo Electric Machines	143	169	668	815
Lamps, Filament	41	61	85	136
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	374	357	861	862
Other Electrical Appliances	953	419	2,331	1,845
Total, Class XII. (b)	1,728	1,191	4,623	4,082

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. .. .	42	68	102	118
Dairying .. .	27	44	89	102
Metal working .. .	305	174	953	430
Mining .. .	97	120	198	273
Motive power .. .	3,617	1,167	8,172	5,620
Printing .. .	11	35	19	67
Machines—				
Sewing .. .	95	113	204	278
Sheep-shearing .. .	11	17	35	47
Weighing .. .	14	19	34	40
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings .. .	128	104	413	389
Yarn and Textile-making Machinery .. .	61	173	209	387
Other Machines and Machinery .. .	1,405	598	2,702	1,708
Total, Class XII. (c) .. .	5,813	2,632	13,130	9,459
Total, Class XII. .. .	18,398	7,886	48,605	31,557
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.				
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c. .. .	438	856	1,181	1,682
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other .. .	16	56	25	98
Other .. .	27	15	33	72
	17	24	58	116
Total, Class XIII. (a) .. .	498	951	1,297	1,968
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather .. .				
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. .	2	9	18	26
	2	4	9	13
Total, Class XIII. (b) .. .	4	13	27	39
Total, Class XIII. .. .	502	964	1,324	2,007
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed .. .	59	109	132	239
Undressed .. .	188	386	612	948
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture .. .	23	44	77	152
Total, Class XIV. .. .	270	539	821	1,339
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware .. .	137	242	413	561
Glass and Glassware .. .	134	133	316	404
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware .. .	38	101	82	260
Total, Class XV. .. .	309	476	811	1,225

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.			£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Parchment	119	1	136	1
Printing	339	673	1,312	1,598
Wrapping	98	125	201	256
Writing and Typewriting	102	197	566	538
Other Paper	160	163	482	381
Pulp for Paper-making	143	344	683	771
Millboards and other boards	65	40	141	115
Total, Class XVI. (a)	1,026	1,543	3,521	3,660
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	279	380	1,090	1,108
Pens and Pencils	30	56	122	134
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	4	9	9	22
Other Stationery	84	167	267	354
Total, Class XVI. (b)	397	612	1,488	1,618
Total, Class XVI.	1,423	2,155	5,009	5,278
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	6	13	23	43
Toys, &c.	2	14	13	45
Other	29	32	69	72
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. .....	..	99	..	160
Other	2	10	2	22
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	82	198	258	547
Total, Class XVII.	121	366	365	889
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	112	127	356	359
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	76	62	289	192
Phonographs, &c.	2	6	11	16
Surgical and Dental Instruments	113	214	428	495
Other Instruments	69	128	198	431
Total, Class XVIII.	372	537	1,282	1,493
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	22	29	54	129
Argol .....	..	55	2	55
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	34	21	94	81
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	73	138	238	443
Other	158	76	443	336
Dyes	54	90	371	310
Fertilizers	316	489	1,089	1,714
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	58	29	133	81
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	33	53	117	176
Perfumery and Preparations	9	87	82	139

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.— <i>continued.</i>	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c. . .	11	35	28	72
Salt	4	7	10	14
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	109	29	204	115
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	23	9	41	25
Other	145	50	241	107
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	4	3	10	8
Other	3	13	22	46
Other Drugs and Chemicals	225	339	821	835
Total, Class XIX.	1,281	1,552	4,000	4,686
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	59	9	83	26
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	3,325	2,418	13,264	15,220
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	1	3	4	8
Brushware	4	12	11	24
Goods imported per parcel post	138	173	430	445
Musical Instruments, &c.	2	10	5	23
Outside Packages	535	675	2,041	1,861
Passengers' Effects	54	113	146	258
Packings for Engines	73	66	206	151
Vessels (Ships)	61	..	378	58
All other Articles	98	77	644	279
Total, Class XX.	4,350	3,556	17,212	18,353
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte	231	264	805	673
Silver, including Silver in matte	257	11	1,307	164
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	..	..	359
Total, Class XXI.	488	275	2,112	1,196
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	24,435	18,401	73,179	59,954
Victoria	17,766	11,945	50,385	40,068
Queensland	2,445	2,279	9,043	8,649
South Australia	1,510	1,661	3,695	6,841
Western Australia	1,042	1,379	3,098	3,272
Tasmania	144	380	535	894
Northern Territory . . . . .	..	51	..	184
GRAND TOTAL	47,342	36,096	139,935	119,862

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	46,854	35,821	137,823	118,666
Bullion and Specie	488	275	2,112	1,196
GRAND TOTAL	47,342	36,096	139,935	119,862

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	58,685	44,866	172,624	148,629
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold	289	331	1,008	7842
Silver and Bronze	321	13	1,637	656
Total Bullion and Specie	610	344	2,645	1,498
GRAND TOTAL	59,295	45,210	175,269	150,127

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Butter	1,566	3,198	6,458	7,346
Butter Substitutes	213	56	786	275
Cheese	406	385	1,483	1,042
Eggs	162	768	262	1,576
Infants, and Invalids' Foods	23	72	84	239
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	131	198	389	858
Mutton, Dehydrated	107	140	468	153
Potted or Concentrated	10	36	84	190
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	343	777	1,030	2,507
Lamb	1,127	450	3,185	984
Mutton	320	84	546	336
Pork	335	360	1,252	948
Rabbits and Hares	3	13	68	84
Preserved in Tins	970	1,891	2,907	4,730
Sausage Casings	103	95	285	213
Other	120	188	435	622
Milk and Cream	520	389	1,253	1,618
Other Animal Foodstuffs	77	212	421	1,523
Total, Class I.	6,536	9,312	21,396	25,244

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.			£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	177	48
Biscuits	231	81
Confectionery	62	79
Fodders	43	53
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	46	1
Raisins	252	20
Other	18	39
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	3	82
Citrus	23	8
Other	2	17
Fruits, preserved in liquid	208	118
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	28	1,107
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	133
Wheat	1,063	1,207
Other	169	148
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,306	4,049
Rice	114	88
Other	133	167
Jams and Fruit Jellies	143	378
Sugar	504	380
Tea	52	45
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	428	1,251
Total, Class II.	5,005	9,499
				23,538
				21,089
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	181	73
Spirits (Beverages)	106	141
Wine	117	182
Total, Class III.	404	396
				1,285
				1,536
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	78	28
Tobacco	103	30
Total, Class IV.	181	58
				468
				666
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	8	5
Horses	9
Sheep	2	5
Other Animals	1	2
Total, Class V.	11	21
				46
				57

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	50	137
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	32	63
Fox	4	8
Kangaroo and Wallaby	116	138
Opossum	24	12
Rabbit	269	502
Sheep	273	878
Other	10	4
Pearl-shell		6
Trochus-shell	5	22
Wool—				
Greasy	11,708	15,953
Scoured and Tops	2,754	3,431
Other Animal Substances	8	14
			15,253	21,031
Total, Class VI.	40,239	52,011
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	165	256
Seeds	9	34
Tanning Substances	11	34
Other Vegetable Substances	32	30
			217	354
Total, Class VII.	749	799
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	88	330
Piece Goods	98	1,235
Other Textiles	36	83
Boots and Shoes	12	29
Other Apparel and Attire	67	864
			301	2,541
Total, Class VIII.	1,823	4,899
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	38	88
Oils	368	209
Tallow, unrefined	60	26
			466	323
Total, Class IX.	2,417	1,984
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES..				
			27	39
			78	115
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	48	30
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	98	36
Zinc	209	203
Other	140	177
Other Rocks and Minerals	15	16
			510	462
Total, Class XI.	1,866	1,503

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.		1944-45.	
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XIII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	332	764	874	1,756
Lead—Pig and in Matte	1,314	653	4,322	2,883
Tin Ingots	94	24	155	79
Vehicles	196	67	354	703
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	364	586	1,240	1,740
Other Metals and Manufactures	199	359	517	1,042
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	76	171	240	343
Machines and Machinery	148	390	476	958
Total, Class XII.	2,723	3,014	8,178	9,504
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	56	134	308	417
Leather	68	224	434	553
Leather Manufactures, &c.	9	24	32	51
Total, Class XIII.	133	382	774	1,021
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	90	208	254	503
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	35	95	80	168
Total, Class XIV.	125	303	334	671
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE				
103	98	257	267	
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	11	31	36	67
Stationery	82	94	323	288
Total, Class XVI.	93	125	359	355
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c. .. .	2	6	7	
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. .. .	18	51	54	149
Total, Class XVII.	18	53	60	156
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	11	14	31	84
Photographic Goods, &c.	7	20	49	42
Talking Machines, &c.	6	11	19	31
Other Instruments	27	36	51	219
Total, Class XVIII.	51	81	150	376

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	2	3	7	13
Medicines	43	128	125	390
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	43	77	104	153
Other	5	18	15	22
Perfumery and Preparations	113	222	351	599
Other Drugs and Chemicals	237	195	691	903
Total, Class XIX.	443	643	1,293	2,080
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	2,274	246	7,498	3,294
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	4	14	14	30
Oilmen's Stores	99		473	
Personal and Household Effects	29	126	71	262
Vessels transferred abroad		116		245
Goods Exported per parcel post	7	12	18	36
All other Articles	230	302	739	1,126
Total, Class XX.	2,643	816	8,813	4,993
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Silver, including Silver in matte	2	21	8	362
Bronze Specie	..	..	..	84
Total, Class XXI.	2	21	8	446
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	14,756	16,325	42,598	52,746
Victoria	9,638	14,534	30,706	33,082
Queensland	3,817	6,472	13,335	18,688
South Australia	3,357	5,846	15,473	11,310
Western Australia	3,181	5,707	10,354	11,529
Tasmania	496	687	1,665	2,391
Northern Territory	..	1	..	26
Total { Australian Produce	34,522	48,656	111,660	125,963
Other Produce	723	916	2,471	3,809
GRAND TOTAL	35,245	49,572	114,131	129,772

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1944-45.	1945-46.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

		£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—					
Merchandise	..	35,243	49,551	114,123	129,326
Bullion and Specie—					
Australian Produce	..	2	21	8	116
Other Produce	..	..	..	..	330
Total, Bullion and Specie	..	2	21	8	446
GRAND TOTAL	..	35,245	49,572	114,131	129,772

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

		£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—					
Merchandise	..	28,138	39,561	91,116	103,254
Bullion and Specie—					
Gold	..	..	..	..	..
Silver and Bronze	..	2	17	6	356
Total, Bullion and Specie	..	2	17	6	356
GRAND TOTAL	..	28,140	39,578	91,122	103,610
VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD PRODUCTION	..	£A. '000. 1,621	£A. '000. 1,674	£A. '000. 5,247	£A. '000. 5,566

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

QUANTITY.

	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1938-39	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1941-42	1,303,472	314,573	57,643	1,172,565	1,749,399	342,404
1942-43	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970
1943-44	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172
1944-45	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818
1945-46 (9 months)	983,462	208,220	93,812	987,653	490,832	248,583

(a) Includes Veal.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—continued.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1941-42 ..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108
1942-43 ..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86
1943-44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945-46 (9 months) ..	7,346	1,041	856	2,507	1,320	948

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1941-42 ..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108
1942-43 ..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86
1943-44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945-46 (9 months) ..	7,346	1,041	856	2,507	1,320	948

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pine-apples, and Other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)
1938-39 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1941-42 ..	1,434,660	39,731	499,131	22,312,622	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1942-43 ..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	22,544,103	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44 ..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45 ..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945-46 (9 months) ..	236,044	24,981	202,264	2,871,138	5,637,757	5,185,328	677,698

QUANTITY.

	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Bushels.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1938-39 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1941-42 ..	1,434,660	39,731	499,131	22,312,622	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1942-43 ..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	22,544,103	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44 ..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45 ..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945-46 (9 months) ..	236,044	24,981	202,264	2,871,138	5,637,757	5,185,328	677,698

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39 ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1941-42 ..	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942-43 ..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,494	37,694	6,624
1943-44 ..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944-45 ..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46 (9 months) ..	539	154	470	1,380	5,962	35,453	8,852

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Noils and Waste.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July-March, 1945-46 and 1944-45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945-46.	1944-45.

BUTTER.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	6,919	35,152	40,555	1,840	2,758	..	87,224	6,352	66,651
Ceylon	465	2,577	24	..	67	..	3,133	258	2,158
Hong Kong	125	77	..	..	..	..	202	18	..
India	..	2,263	..	..	..	..	2,263	211	557
Pacific Islands (British)	625	20	..	..	..	..	645	57	50
Union of South Africa	112	90	..	..	..	..	202	18	112
Other British Countries	2,455	550	339	..	3	..	3,347	320	2,126
Egypt	312	670	..	..	..	..	982	78	1,735
Netherlands East Indies	63	49	..	..	..	..	112	12	..
Pacific Islands (Foreign)	198	1	..	..	..	..	199	18	190
Other Foreign Countries	37	..	..	..	..	..	37	4	24
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	11,311	41,449	40,918	1,840	2,828	..	98,346	..	..
1944-45..	4,702	42,823	22,588	1,045	1,933	512	..	..	73,603
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	935	2,800	3,275	141	195	..	7,346	..	..
1944-45..	411	3,727	2,010	98	172	45	..	..	6,458

CHEESE.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	1	2,839	3,387	4,185	3	..	10,415	431	6,117
Borneo (British)	66	456	..	..	..	..	66	5	..
Ceylon	..	456	..	..	..	..	456	21	561
Hong Kong	75	..	..	..	..	..	75	5	..
India	3,627	3,181	..	..	..	..	6,808	382	10,882
Pacific Islands (British)	42	3	..	..	..	..	45	4	90
Other British Countries	621	138	89	..	10	..	858	60	3,337
Egypt	675	1,157	..	..	..	..	1,882	116	4,667
Iraq	45	45	..	..	..	..	90	6	89
Netherlands East Indies	79	37	..	..	..	..	116	6	..
Pacific Islands (Foreign)	60	..	..	..	..	..	60	5	63
Other Foreign Countries	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	(a)	..
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	5,291	7,856	3,476	4,185	14	..	20,822	..	..
1944-45..	7,544	12,284	921	5,057	..	..	..	..	25,806
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	268	432	163	176	2	..	..	1,041	..
1944-45..	468	785	40	190	..	..	..	..	1,483

(a) Under £500.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July–March, 1945–46 and 1944–45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months:	
							1945–46.	1944–45.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
Ceylon ..	1,299	1,564	168 ¹	..	667	..	3,698	290
India ..	1	438	..	..	..	..	439	34
Malaya (British)	181	..	122	..	135	..	438	27
Malta ..	167	..	..	..	262	..	429	36
Pacific Islands ..	204	4	..	..	..	..	208	25
Union of South Africa ..	122	..	..	..	..	..	122	10
Other British Countries ..	1,802	192	155	..	2	..	2,151	210
Egypt ..	1,343	18	..	..	..	..	1,361	184
Iran ..	..	..	..	..	67	..	67	5
Italy ..	264	..	..	..	..	..	264	17
Netherlands East Indies ..	142	..	..	..	..	..	142	13
Other Foreign Countries ..	58	4	..	..	..	..	62	5
Total Nine Months—								
Quantity—								
1945–46..	5,583	2,220	445	..	1,133	..	9,381	..
1944–45..	2,545	747	378	25	906	..	..	4,601
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—								
1945–46..	554	187	34	..	81	..	..	856
1944–45..	227	65	30	2	62	..	..	386

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom ..	239	823	39,436	..	..	..	40,498	906
Ceylon ..	3,546	1,018	841	..	3,197	..	8,602	237
Hong Kong ..	271	..	679	..	..	..	950	22
India ..	..	33	29,434	..	..	..	29,467	706
Malaya (British)	24	..	2,255	..	5,059	..	7,338	233
Pacific Islands ..	1,723	..	..	..	..	..	1,723	69
Other British Countries ..	2,807	160	2,898	..	1	..	5,866	209
Egypt ..	1,377	132	..	..	..	..	1,509	47
Iraq ..	..	..	2,192	..	..	..	2,192	49
Japan ..	405	..	..	..	..	..	405	19
Netherlands East Indies ..	212	..	..	..	..	..	212	10
Other Foreign Countries ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3 (a)	732
Total Nine Months—								
Quantity—								
1945–46..	10,604	2,169	77,735	..	8,257	..	98,765	..
1944–45..	8,989	7,838	21,219	..	1,413	..	..	39,459
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—								
1945–46..	370	63	1,827	..	247	..	..	2,507
1944–45..	253	212	512	..	43	..	..	1,020

(a). Under £500.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July—March, 1945—46 and 1944—45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945—46.	1944—45.

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	11,899	14,958	3,360	3,329	4,694	..	38,240	1,069	118,311
Ceylon ..	1,047	5,204	..	..	307	..	6,558	159	6,311
India ..	4	1,518	..	..	..	..	1,522	26	4,203
Pacific Islands ..	307	..	..	..	..	..	307	7	308
Malaya (British)	130	..	..	..	..	..	130	3	..
Union of South Africa	..	336	..	..	..	..	336	8	3,277
Other British Countries	686	773	12	..	1	..	1,472	34	3,236
Egypt ..	415	29	..	..	..	..	444	11	680
Japan ..	60	..	..	..	..	..	60	2	11
Other Foreign Countries ..	13	1	..	..	..	..	14	1	5
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945—46..	14,561	22,819	3,372	3,329	5,002	..	49,083	..	..
1944—45..	17,434	77,251	2,201	30,415	7,651	1,490	..	..	136,442
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945—46..	404	619	67	98	137	..	..	1,320	..
1944—45..	485	2,155	40	816	190	43	..	..	3,729

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	105	7,253	6,825	3,470	5,562	..	23,215	872	33,166
Ceylon ..	..	699	..	..	356	..	1,055	48	1,069
Union of South Africa	..	144	..	..	..	..	144	8	62
Other British Countries ..	14	146	..	..	..	..	160	8	506
Egypt ..	250	..	..	..	..	..	250	11	320
Other Foreign Countries ..	10	2	22	..	..	..	34	1	5
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945—46..	379	8,244	6,847	3,470	5,918	..	24,858	..	..
1944—45..	2,436	11,395	2,210	14,847	3,500	740	..	..	35,128
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945—46..	18	321	264	133	212	..	..	948	..
1944—45..	98	434	81	490	116	33	..	..	1,252

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July–March, 1945–46 and 1944–45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945–46.	1944–45.

FRUITS, DRIED—CURRANTS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	902	..	462	3,533	..	4,897	85	20,081
Canada	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	(a)	5,634
Ceylon	..	24	..	..	..	..	24	1	465
India	..	32	..	..	..	..	32	1	
New Zealand	..	723	..	330	..	..	1,053	20	567
Other British Countries	..	214	198	..	..	..	412	14	173
Egypt	..	..	32	..	..	..	32	1	15
Other Foreign Countries	..	19	..	..	..	..	19	(a)	4
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	233	1,913	..	702	3,533	..	6,471	..	
1944–45..	197	11,838	..	11,530	3,374	..	..	..	26,939
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945–46..	8	37	..	14	63	..	..	122	..
1944–45..	5	191	..	216	54	..	..	..	466

(a) Under £500.

FRUITS, DRIED—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS.)

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	..	4,495	..	302	..	..	4,887	112	43,564
Canada	..	242	..	1,358	..	..	1,600	45	33,485
Ceylon	..	459	..	..	..	..	459	10	955
New Zealand	..	8,590	..	776	..	..	9,366	220	7,031
Other British Countries	..	621	91	3	..	..	715	26	323
Egypt	..	..	31	..	..	21	..	52	2
Other Foreign Countries	..	54	..	..	..	..	54	2	10
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945–46..	675	13,908	3	2,526	21	..	17,133	..	
1944–45..	407	64,469	38	20,456	..	..	..	..	85,370
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945–46..	26	317	..	73	1	..	..	417	..
1944–45..	13	1,239	1	497	..	..	..	..	1,750

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July-March, 1945-46 and 1944-45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945-46.	1944-45.

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES, APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PRUNES AND OTHER DRIED FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom		15	..	148	92	..	255	14	26
Ceylon	2	46	..	..	..	..	48	2	137
India	..	24	..	..	119	..	143	7	47
New Zealand	..	19	..	23	..	..	42	3	18
Pacific Islands	175	3	..	..	..	..	178	11	133
Other British Countries	1,330	258	28	..	..	..	1,616	103	497
Egypt	..	18	..	..	..	..	18	1	31
Other Foreign Countries	195	3	..	..	..	..	198	13	107
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	1,702	386	28	171	211	..	2,498	..	..
1944-45..	551	180	199	19	47	..	..	..	996
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	113	17	2	13	9	..	..	154	..
1944-45..	31	6	4	1	4	..	..	..	46

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID—APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PINEAPPLES AND OTHER FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	11	942	..	10	3	..	966	26	7,493
Ceylon	16	1,301	..	..	..	..	1,317	25	2,197
India	390	6,933	..	..	31	135	7,489	147	..
Malaya (British)	187	70	..	..	..	..	257	6	..
New Zealand	195	1,944	..	..	..	..	2,139	55	1,125
Pacific Islands	647	72	21	..	..	..	740	19	2,711
Other British Countries	5,862	348	125	..	22	..	6,357	167	2,591
Egypt	1	113	..	..	..	..	114	3	20
Other Foreign Countries	735	112	..	..	..	..	847	22	123
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	8,044	11,835	146	10	56	135	20,226	..	..
1944-45..	6,870	8,347	642	135	268	..	..	..	16,262
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	209	253	5	..	1	2	..	470	..
1944-45..	171	162	17	..	27	..	..	..	380

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

July-March, 1945-46 and 1944-45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945-46.	1944-45.

WHEAT.

	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	'000. bushels.	£A.'000.	'000. bushels.
Africa, British East	..	..	..	..	86	6	..	92	42
Ceylon	..	..	..	..	1,678	..	..	1,678	798
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,626
New Zealand	..	..	..	467	..	..	..	467	235
Rhodesia, Northern	..	..	..	..	330	..	..	330	163
Union of South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	287	..	287	133
Other British Countries	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
Chile	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	337
Iran	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	459
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	724
Italy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,600
Mexico	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,681
Peru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,288
United States of America	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,545
Other Foreign Countries	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	7
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—	17	..	38	..	883	1,971	..	2,871	..
1945-46..	177	..	38	..	16,030	16,129	..	..	32,374
1944-45..									
Value—		£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	8	..	10	..	438	934	..	..	1,380
1944-45..	47	..	..	..	4,981	4,709	..	..	9,747

FLOUR.

	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	'000. centals.	£A.'000.	'000. centals.
United Kingdom	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	75
Borneo (British)	152	..	..	..	..	..	..	152	170
Ceylon	378	317	..	285	1,040	..	..	2,020	2,173
Hong Kong	142	11	..	182	..	..	..	335	380
Malaya (British)	437	370	..	261	204	..	..	1,362	1,555
Mauritius	..	184	..	..	187	..	..	371	323
New Zealand	..	..	..	256	..	..	..	256	203
Pacific Islands (British)	251	3	..	..	..	..	..	254	256
Union of South Africa	6	17	..	..	..	..	..	23	26
Other British Countries	247	16	23	..	18	..	..	304	250
Africa, Portuguese East	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	63	70
French Indo-China	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	83
Netherlands East Indies	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	27
Pacific Islands (Foreign)	171	1	..	..	..	..	..	172	187
Other Foreign Countries	..	3	..	150	6	..	..	159	184
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—	1,951	922	23	1,134	1,608	..	5,638	..	10,128
1945-46..	3,241	2,968	23	2,344	1,552	..	..	..
1944-45..									
Value—		£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1945-46..	2,095	1,045	10	1,185	1,627	5,962	..
1944-45..	1,976	1,685	25	1,380	956	6,022

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July-March, 1945-46 and 1944-45.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1945-46.	1944-45.

WOOL—GREASY.

	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	£A.'000.	'000. cental.
United Kingdom	756	210	396	80	417	24	1,883	13,580	1,846
Canada ..	10	12	1	12	3	2	40	328	31
India ..	..	16	..	..	..	..	16	150	19
New Zealand ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	..
Belgium ..	187	62	137	5	..	..	391	1,877	..
Brazil ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	27	..
France ..	157	182	52	27	81	..	499	3,200	..
Mexico ..	5	11	1	1	2	..	20	216	31
Turkey ..	52	6	..	..	..	..	58	479	25
United States of America ..	577	345	526	451	313	30	2,242	15,298	1,534
Other Foreign Countries ..	18	10	1	1	..	..	30	294	2
Total Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	1,765	855	1,114	577	816	56	5,183	..	..
1944-45..	1,007	945	787	261	382	106	..	..	3,488
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.						
1945-46..	12,420	6,634	7,002	3,450	5,456	491	..	35,453	..
1944-45..	7,856	7,369	6,139	2,037	2,982	827	..	..	27,210

WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	'000. cental.	£A.'000.	'000. cental.
United Kingdom	33	29	15	24	35	21	157	1,836	229
Canada ..	17	27	1	10	3	7	65	936	67
India ..	4	40	..	..	..	..	44	956	45
New Zealand ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	25	2
Other British Countries ..	3	9	..	2	..	..	14	244	..
Belgium ..	32	1	26	..	..	..	59	486	..
Egypt ..	6	10	..	..	..	..	16	297	8
Iraq ..	4	2	1	..	..	..	7	106	1
Mexico ..	13	16	3	9	1	..	42	645	24
Turkey ..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	51	17
United States of America ..	94	45	51	22	33	4	249	2,963	217
Other Foreign Countries ..	5	7	2	3	3	..	20	307	..
Total Nine Months—									
Quantity—									
1945-46..	214	188	99	70	75	32	678	..	..
1944-45..	191	205	106	57	36	15	..	..	610
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.						
1945-46..	2,606	3,084	1,007	911	877	367	..	8,852	..
1944-45..	2,520	2,980	1,200	671	362	185	..	..	7,918

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	31,161	25,209	20,806	20,607	21,488
Excise	16,472	31,572	44,072	46,685	45,689
Sales Tax	9,308	26,830	28,846	27,909	29,672
Flour Tax	1,809	1,652	1,709	1,940	1,996
Land Tax	1,489	3,691	3,873	3,819	3,664
Income Tax(a)	11,883	77,564	141,027	183,799	215,534
Pay-roll Tax .. ..	..	8,963	10,451	10,903	11,088
Gold Tax .. ..	..	1,030	525	318	343
Estate Duty	1,915	2,845	2,696	2,761	3,090
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	..	2,994	4,704	5,027
Gift Duty .. ..	..	80	145	222	329
Total Taxation	74,037	179,436	257,144	303,667	337,920
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	21,639	24,391	26,679	27,872
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	694	1,226	1,027	989
Central Australia	138	742	1,584	1,737	1,046
North Australia	50	306	792	823	820
Australian Capital Territory	7	5	15	15	11
Total Railways	526	1,747	3,617	3,602	2,866
Total Business Undertakings	17,892	23,386	28,008	30,281	30,738
TERRITORIES(b)	356	492	447	482	455
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest(c)	1,144	997	1,081	1,166	1,202
Coinage	128	868	2,589	2,028	1,307
Defence	151	835	1,490	202	126
Civil Aviation	6	185	401	770	1,173
Health	18	114	14	24	12
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	68	55	58	67	77
Bankruptcy	31	25	23	17	16
Commerce—					
Woolley(d)	74	86	82	85	75
Other	6	37	258	115	18
Marine	152	133	101	96	261
Net Profit, Note Issue	767	1,658	2,248	2,629	2,949
Balance of Trust Accounts .. ..	..	1,600	218	127	102
Other	235	134	297	432	428
Total	2,780	6,727	8,860	7,758	7,741
Grand Total	95,065	210,041	294,459	342,188	376,854
PER HEAD(e) —	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 10	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10	46 0 7
Business Undertakings	2 11 8	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4	4 3 9
Other	0 9 0	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8	1 2 3
Total	13 14 6	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10	51 6 7

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax and Super Tax. (b) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (c) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States). (d) For Publicity and Research. (e) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,665	9,682	9,384	9,313	9,121
War Pensions ..	8,227	7,909	8,348	9,267	9,250
Repatriation ..	994	829	850	902	759
Other ..	371	198	141	122	159
Total, War, &c. ..	19,257	18,618	18,721	19,604	19,289
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	..	7,112	15,119	24,762	34,198
War Pensions ..	..	207	662	1,737	2,771
Other ..	(a) 8,061	101,915	143,697	141,344	157,605
Total, Defence, War, &c. ..	8,061	109,234	159,478	167,843	194,574
Total Cost of Departments (b)—					
Governor-General ..	..	33	31	29	49
Parliament ..	..	445	473	487	599
Prime Minister and External Territories ..	1,356	1,350	1,384	1,623	1,651
External Affairs ..	..	70	200	216	244
Treasury ..	..	2,258	2,949	3,564	3,779
Attorney-General ..	..	281	319	351	387
Interior ..	..	1,275	955	917	881
Civil Aviation ..	..	328	337	350	360
Trade and Customs ..	..	1,064	956	872	816
Health ..	..	338	300	386	379
Commerce and Agriculture ..	..	994	976	1,022	1,034
Social Services ..	..	325	282	393	412
Supply and Shipping ..	..	215	241	246	275
Business Undertakings (b)—					
Postmaster-General ..	..	15,028	17,528	19,939	22,481
Railways ..	..	1,351	1,995	2,726	3,069
Territories (b) (c)—					
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	637	698	677	698
Northern Territory ..	..	463	520	329	302
Papua ..	..	49	39	5	5
New Guinea ..	..	6	17	2	2
Norfolk Island ..	..	5	6	5	4
Total, Territories ..	..	1,100	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (d)	..	6,565	3,305	3,961	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	..	15,992	19,257	22,293	21,699
Child Endowment ..	..	..	11,303	11,660	12,257
Widows' Pensions ..	..	..	..	2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances ..	..	437	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit ..	..	..	..	..	105
National Welfare Fund—Balance ..	..	..	..	..	25,525
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts ..	..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	..	1,478	1,580	1,588	1,578
Special Grants ..	..	2,020	2,300	2,175	2,470
Grants for Federal Aid Roads ..	..	4,266	2,128	1,603	1,487
Income Tax Reimbursement ..	..	..	..	26,432	32,047
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..	..	300	138	574	766
Other Grants ..	..	..	..	140	127
Total to or for States (e) ..	..	15,649	13,731	40,097	46,060
Relief to Primary Producers ..	..	2,015	4,063	(f) 1,709	(f) 1,941
Grand Total ..	..	94,437	210,041	294,459	342,188
Per Head of Population (g) ..	£13 12 8	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10	£51 6 7

(a) Expenditure on Defence Departments of Navy, Army and Air and Department of Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). (b) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (c) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (d) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services. (e) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (f) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, £12,322,000 during 1943-44 and £14,230,000 during 1944-45. (g) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	Total to 30th June, 1945.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—General Services, Works, &c. . .	..	210,877	402,852	377,157	266,040	1,887,321
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—Defence Buildings, Works, Sites . . .	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works . . .	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks . . .	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services . . .	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	634
River Murray Waters Act . . .	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department—Telegraph and Telephone Construction . . .	..	940	..	..	..	36,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. . .	Cr. 1	245	..	..	..	4,080
Subscription to Capital of Amalgamated Wireless Ltd. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment . . .	..	15	..	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories . . .	..	..	..	..	..	80
Other Health Buildings and Services . . .	..	..	..	..	..	22
Repatriation Buildings, &c. . .	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) . . .	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways . . .	..	..	..	..	..	13,775
Territories (b) . . .	Cr. 7	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	Cr. 8	8,804
Other . . .	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—Unemployment Relief . . .	Cr. 4	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	..	2,667
Mining . . .	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry . . .	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment . . .	2,000	165	235	..	..	7,967
Roads . . .	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting . . .	..	..	597	Cr. 23	..	609
Drought Relief . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1,844
Wheat Bounty . . .	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. . .	3,594	1,929	165	206	Cr. 50	110,543
GRAND TOTAL . . .	3,594	212,806	403,017	377,363	265,990	1,407,864

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia for War (1939-45) purposes as at 31st March, 1946.
(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			£'000.	£'000.		
1/12/39 . . .	£'000. 12,000	C'with. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 . . .	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 . . .	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 . . .	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 . . .	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 . . .	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 . . .	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 28/6/42 . . .	35,000	196,518	37,373	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 . . .	77,300	454,865	82,667	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 . . .	100,000	432,555	101,806	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 . . .	125,000	567,695	126,408	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 . . .	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44 . . .	112,479	421,517	113,938	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
13/3/45 to 27/4/45 . . .	100,000	418,930	107,279	..	2½, 3½	1949-50, 1950-61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45 . . .	85,000	(b)20,505	(b)87,208	..	2½, 3½	1949-50, 1950-61
12/3/46 to 16/4/46 . . .	70,000	(b)191,228	(b)78,383	..	2½, 3½	1949, 1955-58
Total . . .	1,032,779	3,850,653	(a)1,046,735	36,489	..	..

(a) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-45), as at 31st March, 1946, see following table.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1946.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-19) ..	159,420	90,369	..	249,789
War (1939-45)(c)—				
Stock and Bonds ..	994,615	5,775	..	1,000,390
Advance Loan Subscriptions ..	1,028	..	..	1,028
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	23	..	..	23
War Savings Certificates ..	54,195	..	..	54,195
War Savings Stamps ..	253	..	..	253
Treasury Bills—Internal Bank ..	91,600	..	..	91,600
	395,280	..	..	395,280
Total	1,538,786	5,775	..	1,544,561
Works and other Purposes ..	49,492	53,535	15,790	118,817
Total—Commonwealth Purposes ..	1,747,698	149,679	15,790	1,913,167
Per Head of Population(d)	£235 16 0	£20 3 11	£2 2 7	£258 2 6
State—				
Debts of the States ..	541,998	337,608	25,305	904,911
Per Head of Population(e)	£73 6 6	£45 13 6	£3 8 6	£122 8 6
Total Public Debt ..	2,289,696	487,287	41,095	2,818,078
Per Head of Population(d)	£308 18 7	£65 14 11	£5 10 10	£380 4 4

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(f)
War (1914-19)	5,990,273	(g) 395,968	..	6,386,241
War (1939-45)	37,338,984	231,000	..	37,569,984
Works and other Purposes ..	1,374,906	1,781,300	771,780	3,927,986
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	44,704,163	2,408,268	771,780	47,884,211
Average Rate per cent.(h)	£2 11 2	£3 8 10	£4 17 9	£2 12 3
State—				
Debts of the States	17,620,076	11,733,265	1,257,408	30,610,749
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 5 0	£3 9 6	£4 19 5	£3 7 8
Grand Total	62,324,239	14,141,533	2,029,188	78,494,960
Average Rate per cent.(h) ..	£2 14 5	£3 9 5	£4 18 9	£2 17 4

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Citizens' National Emergency loans are now included with Trust Funds. Internal Treasury Bills are issued against Trust Fund balances. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1945 (subject to revision). (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1945 (subject to revision). (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,000) due to British Government. (h) Overdue debt, War and National Savings Stamps and Debt due to British Government (see footnote (g)) excluded for calculating average rate.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1945.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1945.		Pensions Paid during 1944-45. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.			Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
								£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	103,429	25,975	129,404	355	89	50 6	52 10	8,993,577	62 0
Victoria	67,240	12,598	79,838	334	63	51 10	52 4	5,604,739	55 11
Queensland	32,710	9,085	41,795	303	84	52 1	52 9	2,943,029	54 11
South Australia (d)	22,030	4,510	26,540	347	71	50 8	51 11	1,811,704	57 5
Western Australia	17,713	3,414	21,127	360	69	51 2	52 3	1,473,298	60 4
Tasmania	9,512	2,699	12,211	384	109	51 4	52 6	874,780	70 11
Total	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	51 2	52 7	21,701,127	59 1

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

(e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population. (a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.	£	s. d.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1		
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0		
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6		
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5		
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5		
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4		
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3		
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3		
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2		
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	20 1		
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9		
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9		
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9		
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9		
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8		
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	33 7		
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6		
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5		
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5		
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5		
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4		
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3		
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10		
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8		
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7		
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8		
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8		
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6		
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 5		
1940 (d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6		
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c)41 5		
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c)48 4		
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(r)51 1		
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(e)51 11		
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5		

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 1s. July, 1945. Rate £3 5s. od. from 5th July, 1945. On 6th April, 1944, adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished. (d) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1944-45.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
New South Wales (c)	No.	No.			£	s. d.
	205,472	365,436	705	1,253	4,699,888	32 5
Victoria ..	131,526	224,146	658	1,112	2,984,646	29 9
Queensland ..	81,047	152,257	751	1,411	1,983,075	37 0
South Australia (d)	42,381	71,918	667	1,184	934,578	29 8
Western Australia ..	38,643	68,316	786	1,390	905,508	37 1
Tasmania ..	19,224	35,354	776	1,547	528,554	42 11
Total 1944-45 ..	518,203	920,427	702	1,246	12,036,249	32 9
1943-44 ..	503,140	903,577	689	1,237	12,256,976	33 9

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,116 in 335 institutions at 30th June, 1945; 18,396 in 321 institutions at 30th June, 1944. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four- weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1944-45.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popu- lation.			Amount.	Per head of Popu- lation.(c)
New South Wales (d)	17,022	58	No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria ..	12,614	63	6,924	5 10 0	1,200,589	8 4
Queensland ..	6,492	60	3,575	5 2 7	799,652	8 0
South Australia (e)	3,569	56	2,332	5 6 2	436,943	8 8
Western Australia ..	2,894	59	1,023	5 2 10	231,932	7 4
Tasmania ..	1,564	63	812	5 2 4	192,763	7 11
Total 1944-45 ..	44,155	60	15,284	5 6 1	2,965,446	8 1
1943-44 ..	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes nine (1944-45) and eight (1943-44) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vié.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	£
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	496,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,200	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,538
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b) ..	57,792	38,658	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945 ..	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
Total since 10.10.12	1,460,696	960,323	557,562	321,678	237,073	158,165	1,124	8,696,621	21,544,746

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 5th April, 1944, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £5; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £6; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £7 10s. An allowance of £1 5s. per week is payable for the four weeks immediately before and after birth of child and is increased to £1 17s. 6d. per week when twins are born and to £2 10s. per week when triplets are born. (c) Included with South Australia.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	40,381	13,174	51,465	105,020	1 16 5	1 12 0	1 9 8
Victoria ..	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2 7 3	1 9 2	2 1 0
Queensland ..	12,270	3,917	15,388	31,575	1 18 5	0 16 10	1 10 11
South Australia(b) ..	7,624	3,363	9,829	20,816	2 8 0	2 2 6	2 1 1
Western Australia ..	10,197	3,577	13,912	27,686	1 15 0	1 13 1	1 9 3
Tasmania ..	4,365	1,292	6,424	12,081	2 18 0	1 1 1	2 4 10
United Kingdom ..	1,460	1,625	1,846	4,931	2 12 10	2 14 2	2 15 11
Elsewhere ..	311	122	310	743	1 16 0	1 10 10	1 13 2
Total 1944-45 ..	106,746	37,825	136,508	281,079	2 3 8	1 4 11	1 12 1
1943-44 ..	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces)	1,687	1,170	704	355	437	84	4,437
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,011	894	736	417	440	204	3,702
Dependants ..	1,046	1,036	644	438	417	226	3,807
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	116	81	15	19	19	8	258
Dependants ..	159	112	20	26	30	15	362
Total 1944-45 ..	4,019	3,293	2,119	1,255	1,343	537	12,566
1943-44 ..	4,040	3,264	2,119	1,254	1,369	538	12,584
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 5 5	2 5 1	2 6 11	2 6 7	2 1 8	2 5 5	2 5 4
Dependants ..	1 12 3	1 12 7	1 12 7	1 13 4	1 13 0	1 10 7	1 12 6
All Pensioners 1944-45	2 1 6	2 0 8	2 2 5	2 1 8	1 18 9	1 18 9	2 1 1
1943-44	2 0 6	2 0 3	2 1 3	2 0 3	1 18 7	1 16 10	2 0 2

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

Place of Payment.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
(i) War Pensions.						
New South Wales(a) ..	£ 2,618,564	£ 2,560,477	£ 2,576,241	£ 2,897,870	£ 3,661,182	£ 4,068,399
Victoria ..	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026
Queensland ..	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,869
South Australia(b) ..	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168	763,350	851,527
Western Australia ..	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,924	1,052,734
Tasmania ..	404,154	306,814	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350
Elsewhere ..	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854	258,867	336,480
Total ..	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..		18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796

(ii) Service Pensions.

	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) ..	148,599	162,935	185,315	218,173	216,001	199,535
Victoria ..	118,577	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716
Queensland ..	80,364	88,088	106,120	119,032	113,143	113,847
South Australia(b) ..	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651
Western Australia ..	51,651	55,783	64,652	73,503	72,096	72,158
Tasmania ..	18,695	19,564	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,089
Total ..	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..				2,314	6,403	7,528

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1943-44.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£	s. d.	%
Under £201	487,649	4,759,644	9 15 2	2.4
£201 to £500	1,204,315	54,205,459	45 0 2	26.8
£501 to £1,000	214,330	30,869,077	144 0 6	15.3
£1,001 and over	59,973	57,230,074	954 5 3	28.3
Total Individuals	1,966,267	147,064,254	74 15 10	72.8
Companies	15,697	(b) 54,831,401	3,493 2 3	27.2
GRAND TOTAL		201,895,655		100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1942-43. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,304,961, War-time Company Tax, £3,154,536, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £10,359,996.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners	No. 21,028	No. 20,956	No. 21,395	No. 21,959	No. 21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	225,774,692	228,207,419	234,273,013	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	a57,636,000	a56,695,994	a56,131,125	a63,556,163	a62,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.
NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1944-45.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£	£	£
1- 1,000	3,234	7,329,527	1,321,129	39,701
1,001- 2,000	1,694	5,769,209	2,486,100	74,036
2,001- 3,000	1,093	5,100,251	2,704,782	80,742
3,001- 4,000	717	4,085,050	2,480,478	74,196
4,001- 5,000	524	3,571,480	2,341,387	70,255
5,001-10,000	1,250	11,761,075	8,691,659	280,605
10,001-20,000	755	12,956,558	10,666,113	468,542
20,001-50,000	403	14,391,063	11,696,450	954,067
50,001 and over	84	9,222,134	6,895,583	1,300,845
Total	9,754	74,186,347	49,283,681	3,322,989

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1944-45.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		7½ per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
1942-43.						
September Quarter ..	£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,619	£'000. 8,513	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825	
December ..	151,789	..	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
March ..	145,363	..	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
June ..	147,697	..	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total Year ..	596,463	..	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007
1943-44.						
September Quarter ..	£'000. 152,438	£'000. 11,909	£'000. 35,108	£'000. 7,356	£'000. 54,373	£'000. 7,118
December ..	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
March ..	145,587	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	6,625
June ..	151,072	14,326	32,543	6,919	53,788	6,871
Total Year ..	605,670	53,461	130,948	29,803	214,212	27,824
1944-45.						
July ..	£'000. 51,212	£'000. 5,051	£'000. 11,359	£'000. 2,729	£'000. 19,139	£'000. 2,481
August ..	56,640	6,167	12,255	2,936	21,358	2,726
September ..	54,499	5,644	11,091	2,818	19,553	2,514
Total September Quarter ..	162,351	16,862	34,705	8,483	60,050	7,721
October ..	54,955	5,445	10,773	3,066	19,284	2,521
November ..	54,451	5,272	11,354	3,184	19,760	2,597
December ..	51,470	5,042	10,224	3,064	18,330	2,422
Total December Quarter ..	160,876	15,750	32,351	9,264	57,374	7,540
January ..	46,794	4,046	10,217	2,418	16,681	2,185
February ..	49,074	5,529	10,544	2,806	18,879	2,434
March ..	52,748	6,292	11,818	2,829	20,937	2,656
Total March Quarter ..	148,616	15,867	32,577	8,053	56,497	7,275
April ..	47,909	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	2,342
May ..	54,639	5,642	11,458	2,854	19,954	2,569
June ..	52,752	5,155	11,293	2,607	19,055	2,450
Total June Quarter ..	155,300	16,261	33,072	8,031	57,364	7,361
Total Year ..	627,143	64,749	132,705	33,831	231,285	29,897

1945-46.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July ..	54,172	5,590	11,844	2,989	20,423	2,647
August ..	55,135	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	2,637
September ..	53,279	6,061	11,133	2,946	20,140	2,583
Total September Quarter ..	162,586	17,683	34,365	8,979	61,027	7,867
October ..	55,429	6,023	11,753	3,173	20,949	2,714
November ..	56,772	6,291	12,121	3,849	22,261	2,949
December ..	49,025	5,153	11,098	3,154	19,405	2,562
Total December Quarter ..	161,226	17,467	34,972	10,176	62,615	8,225

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.

(b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1944-45 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £800,000 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £75,013,299, and from the Expenditure total of £74,045,272. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. In South Australia the Special Grant received under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942* (£553,000) has been excluded, as this grant was not paid until after 30th June, 1945.

STATE REVENUES, 1944-45.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Taxation (b)	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	6,082	4,295	2,331	1,911	942	921	16,482
Tramways (e)	31,577	15,590	13,683	(d) 5,521	4,271	..	70,642
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	5,790	(f) 129	..	..	510	..	6,429
Land	1,993	2,599	..	2,151	2,078	4	8,825
Interest n.e.i.	1,654	938	1,640	241	349	91	4,913
Commonwealth Payments (g)	421	1,474	899	875	463	450	4,582
All other Sources	17,908	8,923	6,830	(h) 4,193	3,964	1,925	43,743
Total Revenue	74,213	35,273	26,447	15,560	13,954	3,657	169,104
Total Revenue per head (i)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	25 14 6	17 11 9	24 13 8	24 17 8	28 11 8	14 16 7	23 1 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1944-45.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1942	65,866	33,112	23,063	15,902	11,940	(a) 3,359	152,942
1943	71,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	13,152	(a) 3,290	168,942
1944	72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,499	160,616
1945	74,213	35,273	26,447	15,560	13,954	(a) 3,657	169,104

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1944-45.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	19,663	8,432	6,617	5,341	4,644	1,333	46,030
Tramways (e)	24,544	12,427	11,227	4,881	3,653	5	56,737
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	5,518	..	..	..	392	..	5,910
Education	1,019	1,579	1	961	1,088	(j) 259	4,907
Hospitals	6,645	3,976	2,134	1,331	1,018	589	15,693
Other Charities	3,228	1,813	784	706	431	255	7,217
All other Expenditure	1,557	760	753	192	238	125	3,625
Total Expenditure	11,071	5,937	(k) 4,362	2,701	2,485	1,110	27,666
Total Expenditure per head (i)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	25 7 10	17 8 3	24 3 1	25 15 4	28 11 6	14 18 2	22 18 4

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1944-45.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1942	64,980	32,320	23,599	13,712	11,939	(a) 3,357	149,907
1943	70,392	35,736	29,182	14,960	13,127	(a) 3,400	166,797
1944	71,288	34,924	28,854	15,520	13,551	(a) 3,469	167,615
1945	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(a) 3,676	167,785

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1944-45, see p. 57. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Excludes Special Grant under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942*. (i) Based on mean population for the financial year. (j) Losses of Transport Commission. (k) Includes £200,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction Fund. An additional £350,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1944-45.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways ..	1,186	56	472	409	69	143	2,335
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 308	..	..	Cr. 50	1	..	Cr. 357
Roads and Bridges ..	Cr. 43	Cr. 21	85	Or. 17	..	29	269
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	115	Cr. 4	63	31	31	..	..
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	54	290	38	389	59	..	830
Electricity Supply ..	115	..	..	..	5	240	360
Public Buildings ..	283	816	329	138	120	97	1,783
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 376	Cr. 176	..	..	..	..	Cr. 552
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	583	743	Cr. 286	486	116	100	1,742
Primary Production—	Cr. 25	Cr. 2	Cr. 77	Cr. 125	Cr. 95	Cr. 154	Cr. 478
Land Settlement (d) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	130	..	Cr. 13	Cr. 5	16	..	128
Other ..	9	291	Cr. 80	63	174	Cr. 7	450
Other purposes ..	..	90	Cr. 100	Cr. 336	51	..	Cr. 295
Total Works, &c. ..	1,723	2,083	431	983	547	448	6,215
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head (e) ..	0 11 11	1 0 9	0 8 1	1 11 5	1 2 5	1 16 4	0 17 0
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	5,960	4,255	..	..	73	455	10,743
Other (f) ..	1,533	..	Cr. 4	5	Cr. 3	..	1,531
Grand Total ..	9,216	6,838	427	988	617	903	18,489

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1945.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tramways (b) ..	167,917	79,759	67,285	40,186	27,158	7,917	390,222
Roads and Bridges ..	20,813	12,655	5,545	3,825	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,480	1,408	8,566	8,578	7,545	..	96,924
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	41,039	32,332	980	23,122	14,964	..	112,437
Electricity Supply ..	2,680	17,839	..	..	1,930	8,070	30,519
Public Buildings ..	18,459	9,166	7,900	4,094	2,988	3,107	45,714
Unemployment Relief ..	16,634	18,147	..	..	(h)	333	30,114
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	12,149	4,438	26,336	8,210	3,188	3,838	58,159
Primary Production—	12,277	44,779	5,514	11,248	17,529	2,622	93,969
Land Settlement (d) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,540	..	1,954	9,207	3,902	..	34,603
Other ..	7,836	6,162	7,967	2,229	14,480	19	38,693
Other purposes ..	89	302	124	3,707	3,663	..	7,885
Total Works ..	341,913	221,987	127,171	114,406	100,530	33,232	939,239
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,990	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,581	76,300
Other (f) ..	19,695	5,894	11,337	1,277	4,166	1,597	43,966
Grand Total ..	400,598	237,000	144,334	124,352	116,811	36,410	1,059,505

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans ; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	197,567	145,922	11,562	355,051	(h)	6,148	5,561	559
Victoria ..	113,570	61,336	4,499	179,405	3,841	2,295	221	6,357
Queensland ..	67,843	58,819	5,271	131,433	2,271	2,374	279	4,924
South Australia ..	64,820	42,817	1,734	108,871	2,170	1,678	87	3,935
Western Australia ..	50,138	48,742	2,015	95,895	1,664	1,689	100	3,453
Tasmania ..	21,339	8,756	228	30,323	648	331	12	991
Total ..	514,277	361,392	25,309	900,978	16,742	13,928	1,258	31,928

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Nine Months ended March—					
	1944-45.			1945-46.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(a) ..	£'000. 53,516	£'000. 54,035	£'000. 519	£'000. 49,847	£'000. 51,018	£'000. 1,171
Victoria ..	22,641	24,963	— 2,322	22,263	25,169	— 2,906
Queensland ..	18,969	18,198	+ 771	17,456	18,275	— 819
South Australia ..	11,126	11,727	— 601	10,616	11,901	— 1,285
Western Australia ..	10,218	10,248	— 30	9,829	10,645	— 816
Tasmania ..	2,432	2,740	— 308	2,542	2,975	— 433
Total, Six States ..	118,902	121,911	— 3,009	112,553	119,983	— 7,430
Commonwealth ..	235,246	235,246	— ..	250,134	250,134	— ..
Grand Total(b) ..	326,854	329,863	— 3,009	334,708	342,188	— 7,430

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)	Revenue from Taxation.(b)	Expenditure—					
			Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
New South Wales ..	£'000. 9,977	£'000. 9,981	£'000. 4,381	£'000. 4,998	£'000. 19,534	£'000. 16,586	£'000. 11,379	£'000. 11,317
Victoria ..	5,266	5,275	3,048	3,192	9,172	9,536	6,263	6,236
Queensland ..	4,065	4,079	1,784	2,061	5,443	6,034	4,847	4,646
South Australia ..	2,487	2,636	1,443	1,506	3,280	3,581	4,035	3,978
Western Australia ..	2,754	2,793	732	760	3,061	3,130	3,508	3,477
Tasmania ..	1,141	1,073	716	868	1,452	1,646	942	985
Total, Six States ..	25,690	25,837	12,104	13,385	41,942	40,513	30,974	30,639
Commonwealth ..	..	..	206,817	222,027	c 150,447	c 157,852	37,154	43,898
Grand Total ..	25,690	25,837	218,921	235,412	192,389	198,365	68,128	74,537

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1944-45, £103,484,000; 1945-46, £105,073,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1944-45.		1945-46.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
New South Wales ..	£'000. 24,047	£'000. 5,920	£'000. 23,358	£'000. 6,171	£'000. 18,361	£'000. 4,761	£'000. 18,007	£'000. 5,108
Victoria(b) ..	11,121	253	10,757	206	9,238	290	9,127	270
Queensland(c) ..	10,585	..	8,895	..	7,908	..	7,594	..
South Australia ..	4,120	1,789	3,575	1,642	3,688	724	3,578	764
Western Australia ..	3,325	1,945	3,091	1,941	2,654	1,025	2,860	1,169
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(d) 346	..	(d) 344	..
Total, Six States ..	53,198	9,916	49,666	9,960	42,195	6,800	41,519	7,311
Commonwealth ..	1,919	(e) 20,888	1,308	(e) 21,217	1,681	(e) 14,454	1,266	(e) 15,192
Grand Total ..	55,117	30,804	50,974	31,177	43,876	21,254	42,785	22,503

(a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

(r) Railways

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1944-45.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria ..	526	94	358	2,780	1,337	2,371	687	750	8,453
Queensland ..	87	87	383	1,854	887	1,655	646	489	5,983
South Australia ..	49	49	290	701	587	834	162	440	3,194
Western Australia ..	58	58	118	521	236	602	254	69	2,021
Tasmania ..	7	7	92	276	229	359	145	128	1,313
Total States Commonwealth ..	67,177	821	1,243	6,268	3,349	6,047	1,954	2,429	22,111
Grand Total ..	67,177	216,355	4,907	9,358	3,349	6,047	6,981	45,857	360,081

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	0 3 8	0 3 8	0 19 4	0 9 3	0 16 5	0 4 9	0 5 2	2 18 7	
Victoria ..	0 11 0	0 3 7	0 18 6	0 8 10	0 16 6	0 6 5	0 4 11	2 19 8	
Queensland ..	0 1 8	0 7 2	0 13 1	0 10 11	0 15 7	0 3 0	0 8 3	2 19 8	
South Australia ..	0 1 7	0 9 3	0 16 8	0 7 7	0 19 3	0 8 1	0 2 3	3 4 8	
Western Australia ..	0 2 4	0 4 10	0 11 3	0 9 4	0 14 9	0 5 11	0 5 4	2 13 9	
Tasmania ..	0 0 7	0 7 5	0 11 1	0 5 11	0 18 4	0 4 10	2 4 10	4 13 1	
Total States Commonwealth ..	0 2 3	0 3 5	0 17 1	0 9 2	0 16 6	0 4 5	0 6 8	3 0 5	
Grand Total ..	9 3 0	29 7 2	0 10 0	0 8 5	..	0 13 8	5 18 4	46 0 7	

(a) The following particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941-42 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,213	74,037	50,507	124,544
1942-43 ..	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,260	179,435	57,260	236,695
1943-44 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,393	257,144	(a) 26,329	283,473
1944-45 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,667	303,667	(a) 21,314	324,981
	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,537	337,920	(a) 22,111	360,031

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 7	1 14 4	1 6 10	0 15 1	10 13 10	7 6 2	17 19 6
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 2 10	8 0 11	33 3 3
1942-43 ..	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 4	39 7 6
1943-44 ..	9 5 3	25 5 11	3 16 10	3 7 10	41 15 10	(a) 2 18 10	44 14 6
1944-45 ..	9 3 0	29 7 2	4 0 10	3 9 7	46 0 7	(a) 3 0 5	49 1 0

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1944-45.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Re-imbursements—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Income Tax ..	14,830	6,423	5,734	2,312	2,488	879	32,666
Entertainments Tax ..	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total State Collections ..	14,991	6,796	5,734	2,409	2,586	916	33,432
	8,453	5,983	3,194	2,021	1,313	1,147	22,111
Grand Total ..	23,444	12,779	8,928	4,430	3,899	2,063	55,543
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	8 2 6	6 7 5	8 6 8	7 1 8	7 19 9	8 7 4	7 11 9

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1945	1,608	1,130	336	Cr. 5	327	147	3,543	219,920	223,463
1946	1,940	633	896	(b) 1,899	361	71	5,800	173,238	179,038

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services.
(b) Includes £1,265,000 Exchange on Debt repatriated to Australia.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars:	Where Redeemable:	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Australia £A.	175,194	167,220	166,531	164,628	159,317	
London £Stg.	90,744	90,745	90,745	90,745	90,745	
War (1939-45)		321,345	712,579	1,098,261	1,357,272	
Australia £A.	..	17,875	18,129	6,122	6,122	
London £Stg.	43,302	39,956	38,241	36,190	35,607	
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	72,097	65,134	64,884	64,362	64,112
	London £Stg.	15,914	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,496	528,521	917,351	1,299,079	1,552,196
	London £Stg.	162,841	173,754	173,758	161,229	160,979
	New York £Stg.	15,914	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	..	397,251	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098	1,728,965
State	Australia £A.	485,180	504,439	494,115	491,840	514,278
	London £Stg.	384,328	380,422	387,113	373,505	361,391
	New York £Stg.	28,264	25,817	25,610	25,415	25,309
Total .. ..	..	897,772	910,678	898,838	890,760	900,978
Grand Total	Australia £A.	703,676	1,032,960	1,411,466	1,790,919	2,066,474
	London £Stg.	547,169	554,176	552,871	534,734	522,370
	New York £Stg.	44,178	41,693	41,400	41,205	41,099
Total .. ..	..	1,295,023	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858	2,629,943

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Australia £A.	25 3 4	23 6 2	23 0 8	22 10 8	21 11 10
London £Stg.	13 0 9	12 13 0	12 11 0	12 8 5	12 6 0
War (1939-45)	..	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 6 2	183 19 1
Australia £A.	..	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9	0 16 7
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 5	5 11 5	5 5 10	4 19 1
	London £Stg.	10 7 1	9 1 7	8 19 6	4 16 6
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	8 13 9
Total	Australia £A.	31 7 9	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 15 11
	London £Stg.	23 7 10	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 4
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total .. ..	..	57 1 4	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 0 6
State	Australia £A.	69 17 8	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 9 11
	London £Stg.	55 7 2	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 2
	New York £Stg.	4 1 5	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9
Total .. ..	..	129 6 3	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 4 10
Grand Total	Australia £A.	101 1 10	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 2 2
	London £Stg.	78 12 1	77 4 11	76 9 5	73 3 8
	New York £Stg.	6 6 11	5 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10
Total .. ..	..	186 0 10	227 0 10	277 8 6	323 18 8
					356 8 10

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—continued.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	£'000. 8,345 3,403 778	£'000. 16,135 3,656 776	£'000. 25,145 3,290 772	£'000. 33,945 3,277 771	£'000. 40,047 3,271 772
Total (b)	..	12,526	20,567	29,207	37,993	44,090
State	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	17,240 14,963 1,441	17,284 14,500 1,283	16,863 14,501 1,272	16,623 14,311 1,263	16,742 13,928 1,258
Total (b)	..	33,644	33,067	32,636	32,197	31,928
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	25,585 18,366 2,219	33,419 18,156 2,059	42,008 17,791 2,044	50,568 17,588 2,034	56,789 17,199 2,030
Total (b)	..	46,170	53,634	61,843	70,190	76,018

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Commonwealth and State	Australia London (a) New York	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 9	3 5 1	2 19 9	2 16 8	2 15 1
Total (c)	..	3 16 0	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7	2 19 9

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,000). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange. (c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

SHORT-TERM DEBT. (a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—							31st Mar., 1946.
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A. London £Stg.	£'000. 5,495	£'000. 4,220	£'000. 3,970	£'000. 1,750	£'000. 80,481	£'000. 259,250	£'000. 343,280	£'000. 343,280
State	Australia £A. London £Stg.	46,598 23,155	50,228 23,155	45,463 23,155	45,423 23,155	45,083 24,879	39,200 23,730	33,075 22,868	330 22,868
Total	Australia £A. London £Stg.	46,598 28,650	50,228 27,375	45,463 27,125	47,173 26,875	125,564 28,349	298,450 26,950	376,355 25,838	343,610 25,588
									397,400 25,338

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Includes Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances. (c)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Per- cent- age Non- interest- bearing to Total Deposits (d)	Per- cent- age Advances To Total Deposits. (d)
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total. (b)				
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 140,225	£'000. 250,562	£'000. 390,787	£'000. 332,688	£'000. 93,820	35.9	85.1
“ 1941 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.4	68.9
“ 1942 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
“ 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	51.0	45.1
“ 1944 ..	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7
Dec., 1944 ..	399,264	324,108	723,372	253,361	410,149	55.1	33.3
Mar., 1945 ..	424,096	340,223	764,319	246,676	450,670	55.4	30.7
June, 1945 ..	431,868	330,573	762,441	251,705	443,490	57.6	31.4

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Customers' Deposits; excludes amounts deposited by trading banks with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank. (d) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NOTE.—Owing to reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue this series after June, 1945. Monthly averages of liabilities and assets compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945 and Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 are shown in the ensuing tables.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Period.	Interminable Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.								
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	...	33,269	21,753	55,022	...	348	2,987	58,197
1946—Jan.	34,174	22,219	56,393	...	348	3,317	60,058
Feb.	35,812	21,732	57,544	...	349	3,157	61,050
March	36,640	21,089	57,729	...	345	2,459	60,533

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	1,664	371,835	222,666	594,501	166	1,358	6,432	604,121
1946—Jan. ..	1,646	392,818	221,374	614,192	166	1,203	6,140	623,347
Feb. ..	1,646	407,431	221,154	628,585	166	1,155	6,666	638,218
March ..	1,646	418,041	218,058	636,099	166	1,165	6,700	645,776

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	12,645	7,225	4,842	12,067	...	66	537	25,315
1946—Jan. ..	12,550	7,452	4,969	12,421	...	72	401	25,444
Feb. ..	12,550	8,023	5,216	13,230	...	76	358	26,223
March ..	12,549	8,302	5,299	13,601	...	68	315	26,533

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	14,309	412,329	249,261	661,590	166	1,772	9,956	687,793
1946—Jan. ..	14,196	434,444	248,562	683,006	166	1,623	9,858	708,849
Feb. ..	14,196	451,266	248,102	699,368	166	1,580	10,181	725,491
March ..	14,195	462,983	244,446	707,429	166	1,578	9,474	732,842

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Period.	Coin, Bullion, Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other assets.	Total assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.									

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	9,235	..	168	5,000	33,321	..	14,511	1,461	63,696
1946—Jan. ..	9,010	..	210	5,000	34,462	..	14,525	1,394	64,701
Feb. ..	7,002	..	167	3,500	33,900	..	20,373	1,548	66,490
March ..	5,340	..	168	3,000	33,400	..	22,341	1,456	65,705

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	40,384	227,311	8,959	63,008	113,049	164	209,291	12,361	674,527
1946—Jan. ..	43,965	232,679	8,195	71,805	117,010	164	208,656	12,458	694,932
Feb. ..	44,349	243,019	8,519	72,443	118,961	171	207,723	12,437	707,622
March ..	41,514	248,938	8,561	74,142	120,738	171	209,454	12,439	715,957

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	1,826	1,753	2,670	622	7,402	215	16,765	1,245	32,498
1946—Jan. ..	1,747	1,889	2,627	500	7,441	218	17,027	1,228	32,677
Feb. ..	2,540	1,972	2,266	992	7,450	220	16,754	1,225	33,419
March ..	2,328	2,085	2,012	1,820	7,447	220	16,736	1,260	33,908

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Dec. 1945..	51,445	229,064	11,707	68,630	153,772	379	240,567	15,067	770,721
1946—Jan. ..	54,722	234,568	11,032	77,305	158,913	382	240,208	15,180	792,310
Feb. ..	53,891	244,991	10,952	76,935	160,311	391	244,850	15,210	807,531
March ..	49,182	251,023	10,741	78,962	161,585	391	248,531	15,155	815,570

(a) Average of weekly figures for period. (b) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. (c) Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

(i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Inscribed Deposit Stock.	Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 167	£'000. 3,066	£'000. 810	£'000. (b) 120,112	£'000. 201,214	£'000. 321,326	£'000. 2,638	£'000. 328,007
" 1942 ..	167	3,912	1,061	(b) 193,619	192,883	386,502	2,610	394,252
" 1943 ..	167	4,452	955	(b) 258,441	196,925	455,366	2,594	463,534
" 1944 ..	167	4,767	1,026	(b) 319,928	218,341	538,269	2,344	546,573
Sept., 1945 ..	166	5,097	1,083	(b) 364,288	224,938	589,226	1,718	597,290
Sept., 1945 ..	166	5,010	1,010	(b) 351,321	224,127	575,448	1,698	583,332
Dec., 1945 ..	166	(b) 6,432	1,358	371,835	222,666	594,501	1,664	604,121
Mar., 1946 ..	166	(b) 6,502	1,174	406,097	220,195	626,292	1,646	635,780

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.(d)	Loans Advances and Bills Discounted.(e)	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 3,006	£'000. 27,449	£'000. 47,298	£'000.	£'000. 9,558	£'000. 3,815	£'000. 290,776	£'000. (f) 381,902	
" 1942 ..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	6,797	269,944	(f) 457,953	
" 1943 ..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	6,783	244,776	(f) 528,018	
" 1944 ..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	7,787	224,858	(f) 608,186	
Sept., 1945 ..	2,043	33,776	164,070	239,618	9,762	7,759	205,758	(f) 662,786	
Sept., 1945 ..	2,145	34,091	159,664	226,369	9,740	7,998	211,061	(f) 651,068	
Dec., 1945 ..	2,262	38,122	176,057	227,311	9,814	8,959	209,291	2,711 674,527	
Mar., 1946 ..	2,360	40,916	191,700	241,546	9,792	8,424	208,611	2,821 706,170	

(a) Average of weekly figures for quarter. (b) Includes Other Liabilities. (c) Includes Treasury Bills. (d) Includes Notes, Cheques and Bills of other banks. (e) Includes All Other Assets prior to December Quarter, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, &c., prior to December Quarter, 1945.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarter ended—	General Banking Department.						Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank. (d)		
	Business within Australia.									
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special Account of Trading Banks.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)				
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)				
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 18,128	£'000. 43,274	£'000. 61,402	£'000. 18,746	£'000. 948	£'000. 44,935	£'000. 32,866	£'000. 44,128		
" 1942 ..	29,816	57,132	86,948	33,076	37,286	129	100,057	58,590 94,917		
" 1943 ..	50,953	98,683	149,636	25,885	100,844	927	213,961	80,913 133,350		
" 1944 ..	60,618	82,461	143,079	32,864	179,454	800	243,432	143,998 181,109		
Sept., 1944 ..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	111	238,774	172,271 191,661		
Dec., 1944 ..	56,629	94,309	150,938	33,231	191,928	787	234,258	177,020 195,095		
Mar., 1945 ..	55,156	106,800	161,956	35,245	220,087	851	260,760	185,123 190,456		
June, 1945 ..	59,956	99,294	159,250	30,527	241,193	818	271,417	185,025		

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See following page for details of Note Issue.

NOTE.—Owing to the reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue after June, 1945, all the series in the table above. Averages from October 1945, for the General Banking Division and the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) are shown on pages 60 and 62 respectively.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS. (Including Note Issue Department). (a)

Period.	Notes on Issue.		Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (ex- cluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills.)				
	Held by—										
	Banks.	Public.	Total.								
1945— December Quarter ..	£A'000. 17,060	£A'000. 174,529	£A'000. 191,589	£A'000. 229,064	£A'000. 27,507	£A'000. 142,625	£A'000. 170,217				
1946— January ..	18,415	176,361	194,776	234,568	30,101	140,446	175,258				
February ..	17,003	177,336	194,339	244,991	32,759	141,147	180,891				
March ..	16,692	178,584	195,276	251,023	30,280	151,629	190,620				

(a) Average of weekly figures for period.

**AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS
AND BY THE PUBLIC.**

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
1939 (b) .. .	£ 14,403,326	£ 35,186,843	£ 49,590,169	£'000. 16,030	% 32.4
1942 (b) .. .	14,879,107	88,189,420	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b) .. .	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (b) .. .	15,925,325	171,910,855	187,836,180	48,200	25.7
1945 (b) .. .	17,090,939	172,033,643	189,124,582	(d)	(d)
1945 (c) October ..	16,763,724	171,950,148	188,713,872	(d)	(d)
November ..	17,156,292	173,307,580	190,463,872	(d)	(d)
December ..	20,215,148	179,748,724	199,963,872	(d)	(d)
1946 (c) January ..	15,422,454	178,291,418	193,713,872	(d)	(d)
February ..	16,642,856	177,571,916	194,213,872	(d)	(d)
March ..	17,275,954	178,187,918	195,463,872	(d)	(d)

(a) Includes English sterling, valued in Australian currency. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month. (d) The Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 repealed the provisions requiring the Commonwealth Bank to hold a reserve in Gold and English Sterling.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	27th March, 1939.	29th March, 1943.	27th March, 1944.	26th March, 1945.	25th March, 1946.
£					
10s. .. .	4,112,337	£ 6,480,207	£ 7,617,411	£ 8,326,575	£ 7,998,549
£1 .. .	20,994,142	48,281,381	57,686,192	68,654,710	72,362,008
£5 .. .	11,495,965	47,591,800	64,624,495	71,498,380	78,136,275
£10 .. .	5,094,270	20,587,430	38,098,640	33,208,750	35,877,600
£20 .. .	109,060	58,700	51,280	37,460	9,940
£50 .. .	1,253,450	3,266,750	3,497,150	3,195,850	128,300
£100 .. .	2,240,900	4,702,100	4,648,900	4,215,900	205,200
£1,000 .. .	2,250,000	408,000	588,000	2,606,000	746,000
Held by banks ..	14,821,526	15,499,062	15,582,875	20,463,891	17,275,954
public ..	32,708,598	115,857,306	161,179,193	171,279,734	178,187,918
Total ..	47,530,124	131,356,368	176,762,068	191,743,625	195,463,872

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. (a).

All Cheque-paying Banks.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945— December Quarter ..	£'000. 50,985	£'000. 43,074	£'000. 15,165	£'000. 7,906	£'000. 5,540	£'000. 2,783	£'000. 97	£'000. 125,550
1946— January ..	44,617	42,508	12,596	7,721	5,859	2,655	78	116,034
February ..	53,359	46,167	15,153	9,158	6,316	3,071	90	133,314
March ..	55,150	48,022	14,739	9,544	6,258	2,841	89	136,648

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. Average of weeks ended Monday for period.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Ho- bart.
	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Treas- ury Bill transac- tions.(a)	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Treas- ury Bill transac- tions.(a)				
Year 1938	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1943 ..	23,227	18,065	16,855	16,076	4,164	3,048	2,092	500
1944 ..	32,351	27,649	27,199	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	879
1945 ..	32,942	28,746	27,757	27,730	7,074	5,101	2,774	1,000
	28,902	28,992	28,455	28,437	7,020	5,142	2,907	1,101
1946—								
1st Jan. to 28th Jan. ..	25,391	25,391	30,013	30,013	5,936	5,153	3,783	1,337
29th Jan. to 25th Feb. ..	32,303	32,303	33,920	33,920	7,065	6,375	3,662	1,106
26th Feb. to 25th March ..	33,690	33,690	34,470	34,470	6,691	6,492	3,520	1,144

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales since October, 1930.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	20,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1945—									
Jan. ..	181,801	169,367	73,965	53,540	29,325	15,727	(b)	770	524,495
Feb. ..	184,725	171,948	74,968	54,133	29,714	16,062	(b)	762	532,312
Mar. ..	187,894	174,222	75,834	54,793	30,211	16,267	(b)	769	539,990
1946—									
Jan. ..	224,705	201,994	88,488	63,163	36,638	19,275	(b)	992	635,255
Feb. ..	228,711	204,785	89,233	63,973	37,452	19,777	174	1,026	645,131
Mar. ..	230,420	205,948	89,235	64,489	37,645	19,946	213	956	648,852

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £54,184,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and March 1946.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,393	2,358	99	319	146,100
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1945—									
Jan. ..	181,801	35,774	73,965	9,762	29,325	5,444	(a)	770	336,841
Feb. ..	184,725	36,536	74,968	9,883	29,714	5,534	(a)	762	342,122
Mar. ..	187,894	37,154	75,834	10,028	30,211	5,638	(a)	769	347,528
1946—									
Jan. ..	224,705	45,120	88,488	12,419	36,638	7,184	(a)	992	415,555
Feb. ..	228,711	45,874	89,233	12,502	37,452	7,381	174	1,026	422,353
Mar. ..	230,420	46,319	89,235	12,518	37,645	7,495	213	956	424,801

(a) Included with South Australia.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,128 (66)	6,128 (66)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,766 (25)	4,758 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,566 (182)	6,566 (182)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,241 (721)	27,223 (721)	27,213 (705)	27,213 (705)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,433,858	17,700,704	17,823,993	17,945,906
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	150,661,127	151,849,840	152,144,668	153,099,820
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,718,195	52,637,204	52,746,555	52,850,404
Queensland ..	38,419,013	39,349,083	39,479,733	39,907,071	40,377,436
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,801,278	31,290,224	30,673,614	30,982,829
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,393,048	26,362,545	26,530,724	26,628,491
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,348,784	2,497,290	2,765,041	2,943,916
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	322,152,345	324,264,512	325,038,638	327,275,774

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,127	6,127	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,754	4,746	4,758	4,748	4,748
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,566	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,549	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	642	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,221	27,225	27,213	27,213

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	902	2,322	3,473	3,453	2,426
New South Wales ..	..	..	30,106	d 36,368	e 39,000	e 37,100	e 38,900
Victoria ..	..	..	17,890	18,249	18,437	16,413	16,337
Queensland ..	..	..	13,927	16,396	d 19,851	d 19,794	d 17,574
South Australia ..	..	..	6,177	6,599	6,792	6,777	6,618
Western Australia ..	..	..	6,575	6,355	6,340	6,044	6,171
Tasmania ..	..	..	1,906	2,176	2,217	2,185	2,201
Total ..	..	..	77,483	88,465	96,110	91,766	90,227

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	547	2,195	3,746	3,459	2,424
New South Wales ..	..	..	19,946	28,487	34,872	35,301	32,377
Victoria ..	..	..	9,284	14,520	17,030	15,882	15,258
Queensland ..	..	..	7,798	11,654	18,027	16,430	13,809
South Australia ..	..	..	3,119	4,944	5,811	5,979	5,460
Western Australia ..	..	..	3,599	3,996	4,417	4,387	4,276
Tasmania ..	..	..	487	686	843	871	900
Total ..	..	..	44,780	66,482	84,746	82,309	74,504

(a) Capital has been reduced during past years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000). (b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated. (e) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth ..	642	1,506	2,171	2,521	2,113
New South Wales ..	14,543	21,713	27,343	27,535	24,673
Victoria ..	8,060	11,600	14,040	13,214	12,832
Queensland ..	6,193	8,488	11,400	13,163	11,676
South Australia ..	2,931	3,856	4,661	5,213	5,145
Western Australia ..	2,911	3,026	3,447	3,796	3,764
Tasmania ..	678	854	965	1,136	1,167
Total ..	35,958	51,043	64,027	66,578	61,370
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth ..	— 95	689	1,575	938	311
New South Wales ..	5,403	6,774	7,529	7,766	7,704
Victoria ..	1,224	2,920	2,990	2,668	2,426
Queensland ..	1,605	3,166	6,627	3,267	2,133
South Australia ..	188	1,088	1,150	766	315
Western Australia ..	688	970	970	591	512
Tasmania ..	—191	—168	—122	—265	—267
Total ..	8,822	15,439	20,719	15,731	13,134
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth ..	—0.56	3.95	8.90	5.27	1.73
New South Wales ..	3.66	4.50	4.95	5.10	5.03
Victoria ..	2.33	5.54	5.68	5.06	4.59
Queensland ..	4.18	8.05	16.78	8.19	5.28
South Australia ..	0.63	3.53	3.67	2.50	1.01
Western Australia ..	2.64	3.68	3.68	2.23	1.92
Tasmania ..	—8.91	—7.16	—4.88	—9.60	—9.06
Total (b) ..	2.79	4.79	6.39	4.84	4.01

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1944-45 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.09; Queensland, 3.12; South Australia, 0.92; Tasmania, —3.49; Total, 3.38. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	421	6,748	3,523	2,553	822	698	145	14,910
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	590	8,412	3,455	4,768	1,807	1,446	210	20,688
cMiscellaneous £	322	(d) 840	598	(e)	229	74	59	(n) 2,122
cTotal Revenue £	1,333	f 16,000	7,576	7,321	2,858	2,218	414	37,720
cExpenditure £	1,172	12,025	6,263	5,541	2,491	1,855	(g) 468	29,815
cTrain-miles run ..	1,421	19,616	8,055	9,476	3,314	(h) 3,161	(i) 1,196	46,239
Earnings per train-mile	18s. 9d.	16s. 4d.	18s. 10d.	15s. 5d.	17s. 3d.	14s. 0d.	6s. 11d.	16s. 4d.
Expenditure per train-mile	16s. 6d.	12s. 3d.	15s. 7d.	11s. 8d.	15s. 0d.	11s. 9d.	7s. 10d.	12s. 11d
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	87.98	75.16	82.66	75.70	87.15	83.30	113.04	79.05
cPassenger-journeys, No.	253	123,760	97,414	19,614	12,229	9,163	1,517	263,950
Coal and Coke carried, tons	27	(j)	(j)	511	129	44	146	(l)
Other Minerals carried, tons	11	(j)	(j)	176	192	38	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	22	(m) 400	(m) 248	304	144	24	17	1,159
Other Goods carried ..	179	8,811	3,441	2,409	1,424	423	330	17,017
cTotal Freight carried ..	239	9,211	3,689	3,400	1,889	529	493	19,450

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted. (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated. (n) Incomplete.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. .	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	377	7,282	3,669	2,243	808	637	146	15,162
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	509	7,474	2,947	3,847	1,365	1,310	282	17,734
cMiscellaneous £	42	(d) 802	598	(e)	186	59	16	(n) 1,703
cTotal Revenue £	928	f 15,558	7,214	6,090	2,359	2,006	444	34,599
cExpenditure £	852	11,919	6,164	5,358	2,465	1,998	(g) 512	29,268
cTrain-miles run ..	1,033	18,764	7,974	8,225	3,132	(h) 3,080	(i) 1,083	43,291
Earnings per train-mile	17s. 11d.	16s. 7d.	18s. 1d.	14s. 10d.	15s. 1d.	13s. 0d.	8s. 3d.	16s. 0d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	16s. 6d.	12s. 9d.	15s. 6d.	13s. 0d.	15s. 9d.	13s. 0d.	9s. 6d.	13s. 6d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	91.87	76.61	85.45	87.90	104.47	99.60	115.26	84.60
cPassenger-journeys, No.	199	130,696	99,280	19,148	11,874	8,270	1,540	271,007
cCoal and Coke carried, tons ..	32	(j)	(j)	529	139	144	95	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons ..	2	(j)	(j)	191	223	130	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons ..	28	(m) 535	(m) 211	346	97	75	16	1,308
cOther Goods carried ..	80	7,682	3,041	2,164	889	919	339	15,114
cTotal Freight carried ..	142	8,217	3,252	3,230	1,348	1,268	450	17,907

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated. (n) Incomplete.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Six months ended December, 1945.
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
Registered Aircraft owners (b) .. . No.	149	(e) 128	116	125	125
Registered Aircraft (b) .. .	296	(e) 184	185	206	206
Licensed Pilots—(b)					
Private	1,096	171	159	215	215
Commercial	346	233	305	428	428
Licensed Ground Engineers(b)	525	924	1,039	1,122	1,122
Aerodromes—(b)					
Government	71	69	69	77	77
Public	213	207	206	230	230
Government Emergency Grounds	147	96	78	83	83
Hours flown .. .	121,935	58,185	84,274	111,122	74,549
Approximate mileage Miles '000	14,099	7,517	10,082	14,992	10,579
Passengers carried .. . No.	147,919	133,525	235,775	342,070	248,151
Goods, weight carried lb. '000	1,785	2,066	3,132	4,756	4,253
Mails, weight carried—					
Internal .. lb. '000	(d)	1,469	2,438	2,806	(e) 1,250
Overseas(c)	(d)	191	377	444	591
Total	740	1,660	2,815	3,250	1,841
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	38	4	1	26	17
,, injured	15	3	1	10	..

(a) Includes particulars of Qantas Overseas Services but excludes particulars of trans-Tasman service.
 (b) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (c) Gross weight. (d) Not available.
 (e) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE.—Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1946.
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
Lines connected	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Instruments connected	487,535	540,261	557,072	577,777	508,642
	661,996	766,846	799,729	827,862	847,496

D.—Motor Vehicles.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1944-45.									
New South Wales ..	186,802	83,980	16,068	286,850	445,625	2,103,132	225,828	68,906	2,397,956
Victoria ..	141,249	94,110	19,820	255,179	333,584	1,514,679	88,402	86,187	1,089,218
Queensland ..	69,000	53,798	6,394	129,192	157,712	708,273	62,656	72,727	843,656
South Australia ..	59,196	25,121	7,484	91,801	117,310	525,697	67,487	13,703	606,887
Western Australia ..	30,723	24,147	4,507	59,377	73,090	301,816	23,435	35,612	360,863
Tasmania ..	17,064	6,959	2,815	26,838	29,128	188,814	14,564	23,077	226,455
Northern Territory ..	193	2,273	54	2,520	1,097	2,076	550	..	2,626
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,555	573	97	2,225	3,043	10,137	1,454	133	11,724
Total ..	505,782	290,961	57,239	853,982	1,180,589	5,354,624	484,376	300,435	6,139,425
Total, 1943-44 ..	493,391	274,269	52,560	820,220	1,232,442	5,232,772	451,156	273,700	5,057,128
1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	568,387	257,652	7,684,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST MARCH, 1946.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	191,448	145,483	70,538	61,965	30,888	17,133	193	1,588	519,236
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	93,521	100,538	60,140	28,383	27,536	7,524	2,273	641	320,556
Motor Cycles ..	19,353	22,518	8,159	9,637	6,160	3,161	54	109	69,151
Total ..	304,322	268,530	138,837	99,985	(a) 64,584	27,818	(b) 2,520	2,338	908,943
Total at 31st March, 1945 ..	284,907	250,598	128,062	92,201	58,202	26,484	(c) 1,779	1,977	844,210
" "	1939	316,528	259,088	125,984	96,451	66,849	25,881	1,249	2,219
									894,249

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 28th February, 1946.

(b) At 30th June, 1945.

(c) At 30th June, 1944.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1946.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	187	669	19	34	47	28	2	986
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	1,920	1,535	822	448	282	251	5	5,263
Motor Cycles ..	318	172	40	188	174	21	..	913
Total ..	2,425	2,376	881	670	503	300	7	7,162
Total, nine months ended March, 1945 ..	2,322	2,268	1,092	504	535	285	2	7,008
Total, nine months ended March, 1939 ..	23,163	18,348	10,189	6,373	2,628	2,268	248	63,217

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above, taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES. (a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
" " 1943 ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,410,793
" " 1944 ..	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
" " 1945 ..	572,697	412,317	184,341	157,825	102,065	50,557	1,479,802
31st March, 1946 ..	573,205	413,490	189,002	162,203	105,180	51,479	1,494,559

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1941 "	395	536,666	20,013	3.7
1942 "	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943 "	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944 "	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1945 "	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1932—June Quarter(c)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1942—June	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December	387	663,467	8,276	1.2
1946—March	385	671,762	9,062	1.3

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter: they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 69. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1938 Year	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1941	..	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944	..	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945	..	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1932—June	Quarter (b)	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1941—March	..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	..	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3

(a) See notes to table on page 68. (b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1944.	1945.				1946.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
II. Engineering, Metal, Works, &c. ..	33.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.2
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. ..	22.6	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.7
VII. Building ..	42.1	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.8
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.4	-3.1	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.6	1.4	1.5
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1
All Groups ..	30.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3

(a) See notes to table on page 68. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see page 74.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.					
	Govern- ment- al Au- thor- ities. (b)	Private Em- ployers. (c)	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (d)	C with Works Pro- jects. (e)	Trans- port and Com- mu- ni- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.
				MALES (Thousands).					
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	..	164.5	212.3	112.6
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	..	193.6	259.7	133.6
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	..	202.3	102.0	117.1
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	..	207.3	101.9	117.9
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.0	509.0	48.6	205.6	81.2	98.5
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	46.7	205.1	71.4	88.8
1944—June	404.0	867.5	1,271.5	44.2	518.2	27.0	212.6	71.1	91.3
1945—Mar.	399.7	881.4	1,281.1	43.9	511.5	21.2	219.1	75.1	94.8
May	399.7	882.9	1,282.6	44.2	510.4	21.4	220.6	75.9	94.2
June	399.7	885.3	1,285.0	44.3	511.8	20.8	220.2	76.0	95.0
July	398.9	886.0	1,284.9	44.4	510.9	17.5	221.5	76.2	95.2
Aug.	398.1	889.4	1,287.5	44.6	511.6	15.1	222.1	76.8	95.8
Sept.	394.7	883.8	1,278.5	44.6	499.7	12.7	221.4	78.2	97.5
Oct.	392.7	884.0	1,276.7	43.6	492.2	9.5	228.0	79.9	99.8
Nov.	390.3	899.3	1,289.6	43.9	491.7	7.4	225.5	83.9	104.2
Dec.	395.5	887.2	1,282.7	42.8	473.7	7.2	226.2	89.1	105.7
1946—Jan.	400.0	938.1	1,338.1	44.3	507.9	6.5	230.0	90.4	111.5
Feb.	408.6	973.6	1,382.2	46.1	528.3	6.4	235.7	93.0	115.4
FEMALES (Thousands).									
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	..	11.0	87.3	130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	..	12.6	114.9	129.0
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	..	21.1	102.3	44.1
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	..	22.0	106.4	47.4
1942—June	100.8	494.0	594.8	0.6	206.0	..	25.6	104.1	51.6
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	..	34.5	98.2	52.5
1944—June	129.9	503.9	633.8	0.6	217.4	..	37.2	95.8	52.3
1945—Mar.	122.9	516.2	639.1	0.6	211.8	..	38.1	98.8	53.3
May	121.6	511.9	633.5	0.6	207.2	..	38.1	99.1	53.0
June	121.2	513.1	634.3	0.6	206.8	..	38.6	99.6	53.2
July	121.0	511.4	632.4	0.6	206.1	..	38.6	99.4	53.4
Aug.	118.9	513.5	632.4	0.6	205.1	..	38.5	99.9	53.6
Sept.	113.4	511.0	624.4	0.6	197.4	..	38.1	100.6	53.8
Oct.	107.4	509.2	616.6	0.6	191.1	..	37.8	101.5	53.7
Nov.	103.8	513.9	617.7	0.7	191.1	..	37.6	105.0	53.3
Dec.	101.7	508.7	610.4	0.6	185.1	..	37.3	108.0	52.6
1946—Jan.	99.1	504.5	603.6	0.7	185.3	..	37.1	101.6	52.4
Feb.	97.8	511.0	608.8	0.6	189.5	..	36.3	102.2	52.0
PERSONS (Thousands).									
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	..	175.5	299.6	243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	..	206.2	374.6	262.6
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	..	223.4	204.3	161.2
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	..	229.3	208.3	165.3
1942—June	521.7	1,382.6	1,904.3	48.6	715.0	48.6	231.2	185.3	150.1
1943—June	531.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	46.7	239.6	169.6	141.3
1944—June	533.9	1,371.4	1,905.3	44.8	735.6	27.0	249.8	166.9	143.6
1945—Mar.	522.6	1,397.6	1,920.2	44.5	723.3	21.2	257.2	173.9	148.1
May	521.3	1,394.8	1,916.1	44.8	717.6	21.4	258.7	175.0	147.2
June	520.9	1,398.4	1,919.3	44.9	718.6	20.8	258.8	175.6	148.2
July	519.9	1,397.4	1,917.3	45.0	717.0	17.5	260.1	175.6	148.6
Aug.	517.0	1,402.9	1,919.9	45.2	716.7	15.1	260.6	176.7	149.4
Sept.	508.1	1,394.8	1,902.9	45.2	697.1	12.7	259.5	178.8	151.3
Oct.	500.1	1,393.2	1,893.3	44.2	683.3	9.5	260.8	181.4	153.5
Nov.	494.1	1,413.2	1,907.3	44.6	682.8	7.4	263.1	188.9	157.5
Dec.	497.2	1,395.9	1,893.1	43.4	658.8	7.2	263.5	197.1	158.3
1946—Jan.	499.1	1,442.6	1,941.7	45.0	693.2	6.5	267.1	192.0	163.9
Feb.	506.4	1,484.6	1,991.0	46.7	717.8	6.4	272.0	195.2	167.4

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) The estimated number of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings. (d) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision. (e) Department of Works and Housing, formerly Allied Works Council. (f) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
							Govern-mental (Muni-ci-ties, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (includ-ing War Con-trac-tors). (b)	Total Factories.	Unad-justed.	
										Ad-justed. (c)	
1928-29(d)	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	822	889
1930-31(d)	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	950	959
1931-32(d)	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	1,019	1,019
1932-33(d)	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	1,031	1,022
1933-34(d)	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	1,073	1,053
1934-35(d)	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	1,194	1,159
1935-36(d)	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	1,337	1,286
1936-37(d)	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	1,405	1,339
1937-38(d)	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	116.0	628.5	744.5	1,416	1,338
1938-39(d)	305.1	247.6	60.6	64.2	27.8	19.0	89.1	635.2	724.3	1,378	1,288
1939-40(d)	306.9	248.5	63.6	65.2	27.5	19.0	98.2	632.5	730.7	1,390	1,303
1940-41(d)	305.3	248.0	56.7	64.0	28.1	18.5	88.3	632.3	720.6	1,371	1,281
1941-42(d)	303.7	249.2	59.3	63.9	27.8	19.4	83.9	639.4	723.3	1,376	1,284
1942-43(d)	302.3	244.9	61.2	63.1	27.9	19.2	79.4	639.2	718.6	1,367	1,271
1943-44(d)	292.6	237.6	62.6	59.5	27.2	17.6	58.4	638.7	697.1	1,326	1,230
1944-45(d)	283.3	235.2	61.9	58.6	27.1	17.2	49.6	633.7	683.3	1,300	1,206
1945-46(d)	281.9	235.3	62.3	58.6	27.6	17.1	44.6	638.2	682.8	1,299	1,204
1946-47(d)	266.5	235.2	57.8	54.4	27.6	17.3	40.8	618.0	658.8	1,253	1,160
1947-48(d)	291.3	239.2	58.1	59.0	28.0	17.6	39.5	653.7	693.2	1,319	1,220
1948-49(d)	303.3	245.4	61.5	61.2	28.5	17.9	38.9	678.9	717.8	1,365	1,262

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other works.

(b) Includes railway and tramway workshops, electricity and other Governmental institutions not included in previous column.

(c) Divided by Index of Total Population. (d) Average of monthly figures for each year.

(e) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on Pay-Roll Tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
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MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	802	778	842	818	752	812	799
1943—June	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—June	694	695	697	744	695	751	702
1945—June	722	744	769	805	794	844	750
1946—December	870	867	866	924	930	960	880
1946—January	855	905	888	942	963	993	892
1946—February	882	925	921	960	1,014	1,019	919

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	1,026	1,014	1,005	1,036	1,060	1,042	1,024
1943—June	951	937	1,019	959	974	988	958
1944—June	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
1945—June	959	992	1,091	1,085	1,097	1,146	1,056
1946—January	1,069	992	1,091	1,085	1,097	1,047	973
1946—February	988	934	1,058	1,046	1,035	1,095	992

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	914	891	914	927	907	915	908
1943—June	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—June	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
1945—June	840	829	893	926	903	935	858
1946—January	968	925	965	1,002	1,012	1,042	964
1946—February	920	914	962	990	995	1,033	938

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num- ber.	Estab- lish- ments In- volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1945 ..	845	1,201	273,286	15,473	288,759	1,296,407	496,450	1,792,857	2,241,180
1944—Dec. Qtr.	178	187	48,440	2,471	50,911	120,393	1,645	131,038	177,435
1945—March ..	217	250	53,342	1,631	54,973	153,872	..	153,872	211,460
June ..	203	304	54,233	10,829	65,062	213,607	10,001	223,608	275,774
Sept. ..	256	394	103,406	1,237	104,643	285,365	3,740	289,105	378,505
Dec. ..	169	253	62,305	1,776	64,081	643,563	482,709	1,126,272	1,375,441

VICTORIA.

Year—1945 ..	34	34	29,162	65	29,227	48,324	2,884	51,208	49,628
1944—Dec. Qtr.	15	20	2,949	60	3,009	16,826	..	16,826	17,087
1945—March ..	13	13	1,098	65	1,163	5,981	288	6,269	5,756
June ..	8	8	560	..	560	8,662	..	8,662	7,368
Sept. ..	6	6	24,185	..	24,185	24,935	2,596	27,531	27,317
Dec. ..	7	7	3,319	..	3,319	8,746	..	8,746	9,187

QUEENSLAND.

Year—1945 ..	27	363	15,644	99	15,743	200,761	7,242	208,003	206,483
1944—Dec. Qtr.	8	12	2,990	..	2,990	32,822	..	32,822	31,449
1945—March ..	9	87	6,148	99	6,247	100,043	..	100,943	93,003
June ..	8	12	1,378	..	1,378	8,932	1,170	10,102	10,739
Sept. ..	9	263	6,618	..	6,618	89,386	6,072	95,458	101,141
Dec. ..	1	1	1,500	..	1,500	1,500	..	1,500	1,600

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945 ..	13	14	3,819	16	3,835	28,614	300	28,914	27,768
1944—Dec. Qtr.	4	4	1,081	..	1,081	2,191	..	2,191	1,997
1945—March ..	5	6	289	16	305	2,533	300	2,833	2,785
June ..	4	4	1,364	..	1,364	4,712	..	4,712	4,567
Sept. ..	2	2	182	..	182	257	..	257	216
Dec. ..	2	2	1,984	..	1,984	21,112	..	21,112	20,200

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945 ..	16	25	3,158	644	3,802	23,371	9,120	32,491	35,239
1944—Dec. Qtr.	9	34	2,661	..	2,661	27,608	..	27,608	31,713
1945—March ..	6	6	304	..	304	958	9,120	10,078	11,874
June ..	2	9	424	644	1,068	14,544	..	14,544	13,600
Sept. ..	4	5	1,333	..	1,333	5,579	..	5,579	5,299
Dec. ..	4	5	1,097	..	1,097	2,290	..	2,290	2,466

TASMANIA.

Year—1945 ..	10	11	1,572	..	1,572	6,168	..	6,168	7,146
1944—Dec. Qtr.	1	1	352	..	352	35,200	..	35,200	36,000
1945—March ..	3	3	355	..	355	730	..	730	843
June ..	1	1	44	..	44	88	..	88	143
Sept. ..	3	4	971	..	971	4,804	..	4,804	5,530
Dec. ..	3	3	202	..	202	546	..	546	630

AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945 ..	945	1,648	326,641	16,297	342,938	1,603,645	515,996	2,119,641	2,567,444
1944—Dec. Qtr.	215	258	58,473	2,531	61,004	244,040	1,645	245,685	295,681
1945—March ..	253	365	61,536	1,811	63,347	265,017	9,708	274,725	325,721
June ..	226	338	58,003	11,473	69,476	250,545	11,171	261,716	312,191
Sept. ..	280	674	136,695	1,237	137,932	410,326	12,408	422,734	520,008
Dec. ..	186	271	70,407	1,776	72,183	677,757	482,709	1,160,466	1,409,524

Total Average Weekly Wages Paid and Average Earnings in Civil Employment.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES PAID.							
1941-42—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September Qtr.	4,090	2,944	1,210	846	607	259	9,956
December "	4,306	3,073	1,281	878	628	269	10,435
March "	4,109	2,969	1,208	874	585	263	10,008
June "	4,484	3,143	1,381	936	600	283	10,827
1942-43—							
September Qtr.	4,503	3,127	1,453	931	567	273	10,854
December "	4,742	3,263	1,538	967	587	283	11,380
March "	4,508	3,145	1,412	916	582	269	10,832
June "	4,679	3,244	1,549	947	596	293	11,308
1943-44—							
September Qtr.	4,649	3,228	1,592	948	600	294	11,311
December "	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304	11,888
March "	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108
June "	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147
December "	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478
March "	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873
June "	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321	11,410
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325	11,332
December "	4,808	3,320	1,555	896	654	322	11,555

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)

1941-42—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
September Qtr.	5.58	5.52	4.88	5.04	5.35	4.61	5.37
December "	5.83	5.76	5.23	5.16	5.50	4.75	5.61
March "	5.66	5.70	5.07	5.19	5.33	4.69	5.50
June "	6.28	6.18	5.73	5.60	5.73	5.13	6.05
1942-43—							
September Qtr.	6.36	6.33	6.03	5.70	5.67	5.05	6.17
December "	6.72	6.71	6.43	6.03	5.89	5.32	6.52
March "	6.41	6.48	5.89	5.78	5.82	5.04	6.22
June "	6.70	6.75	6.42	6.07	6.00	5.53	6.54
1943-44—							
September Qtr.	6.58	6.80	6.59	6.09	6.09	5.60	6.58
December "	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70	6.90
March "	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66	6.44
June "	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49
December "	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68
March "	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30
June "	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73	6.54
December "	6.91	6.91	6.43	5.92	6.29	5.66	6.68

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings.

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	120/6	121/2	115/1	118/1	116/6	121/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/9	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	123/0	120/4	119/5	115/11	125/1	120/9	121/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10	2/9	2/9
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/9	118/6	117/2	116/3	118/10	112/10	118/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/0 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/4	118/9	123/6	123/6	119/11	114/8	118/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/9 $\frac{2}{3}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/7	137/2	127/0	128/1	145/4	128/6	134/9
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.39
	Hourly Wage	3/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/0	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/2 $\frac{1}{2}$
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/9	118/4	117/2	117/8	118/9	120/6	119/3
	Working Hours	43.87	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.03	43.75	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/10	130/7	124/11	119/0	126/1	123/0	130/11
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	128/4	122/0	128/7	103/5	137/11	115/3	127/2
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.93	40.89	40.50	41.33	40.70
	Hourly Wage	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	124/4	124/6	122/9	115/6	120/9	113/7	122/9
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9	2/7	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	117/8	111/4	110/6	106/7	116/6	105/8	113/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	122/11	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/3
	Working Hours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hourly Wage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	121/6	119/10	125/1	119/9	122/7	123/11	121/9
	Working Hours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hourly Wage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	111/9	112/6	105/8	102/8	107/3	101/0	109/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/9	116/3	111/2	107/6	114/3	109/7	114/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.45	44.00	43.77	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6	2/7
All Groups (a) .. .	Weekly Wage	121/10	120/4	119/10	114/5	122/9	116/11	120/4
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a) .. .	Weekly Wage	121/11	120/4	117/11	112/5	122/10	113/10	119/11
	Working Hours	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
	Hourly Wage	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	61/11	65/5	59/9	55/9	54/1	64/9	62/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/5	1/5½	1/4½	1/3½	1/2½	1/5½	1/5½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	72/0	73/2	75/3	75/3	68/8	71/10	72/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8	1/8½	1/8½	1/5½	1/7½	1/7½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	70/2	75/1	64/11	65/6	..	60/3	71/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8½	1/5½	1/6	..	1/4½	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage b	65/4	71/7	68/7	59/4	68/9	63/2	67/5
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage b	1/6	1/7½	1/6½	1/4½	1/6½	1/5½	1/6½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c...	Weekly Wage	77/0	79/6	81/10	55/8	..	..	76/4
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9½	1/10½	1/3½	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	71/3	73/11	74/1	66/1	66/0	68/5	72/0
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8	1/8½	1/6	1/6	1/6½	1/7½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where applied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st December, 1945.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 5	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
," 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
," 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3
," 1942	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8
," 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
," 1944	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
30th June, 1945	121 0	119 9	119 3	114 1	122 1	116 3	119 8
30th September, 1945	121 1	120 0	119 5	114 5	122 9	116 3	119 11
31st December, 1945	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
," 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
," 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
," 1942	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
," 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
," 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
30th June, 1945	2,361	2,337	2,327	2,226	2,382	2,268	2,336
30th September, 1945	2,362	2,341	2,330	2,233	2,395	2,269	2,340
31st December, 1945	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
," 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 3
," 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2
," 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4
," 1943	67 11	70 2	69 0	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
," 1944	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
30th June, 1945	70 11	73 41	74 1	66 1	65 10	68 3	71 10
30th September, 1945	71 0	73 11	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 4	71 11
31st December, 1945	71 3	73 11	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 5	72 0
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
," 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
," 1941	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
," 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
," 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,258	2,446	2,329	2,516
," 1944	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
30th June, 1945	2,609	2,720	2,726	2,431	2,422	2,512	2,643
30th September, 1945	2,612	2,722	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,516	2,646
31st December, 1945	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,519	2,650

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales ..	£ s. d. (a) 4 19 0	£ s. d. (a) 2 13 6	1.11.45	
Victoria(c) ..	(4.18.0)	(2.13.0)	(1.8.44)	(b) (c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " "
Western Australia(e) ..	5 1 1	2 14 7	13.5.46	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(4.15.0)	(2.11.6)	(1.2.46)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 3s. 0d.; Females, £2 15s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.45 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 9s. 0d.; Females, £2 18s. 10d.; and from 1.3.45 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 7d.; Females, £2 13s. 9d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st May, 1945.	1st August, 1945.	1st November, 1945.	1st February, 1946.	1st May, 1946.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	98 0	98 0	98 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	94 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0
Perth ..	77 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	94 0	94 0
Hobart ..	77 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	95 0	95 0
Six Capitals ..	79 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	97 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1938.		1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.								
New South Wales ..	64	38	65	49	72	23	24	11	36	10
Victoria ..	99 ..	262 ..	202	129	110
Queensland ..	38	38	53	16	27	29	17	35	14	29
South Australia ..	6	4	167	8	160	12	44	7	31	3
Western Australia ..	28	31	30	18	19	19	6	12	9	9
Tasmania ..	26 ..	21	19	20	16
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	7	3	52	20	43	17	45	13
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	5	4	3	4
Total ..	295	124	610	94	555	103	286	82	265	64

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 80.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.—Capital Cities.

(“B” Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1945.				1946.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	..	904	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,027	1,040	1,042	1,029	1,035
Melbourne	..	884	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,059	1,063	1,055	1,059
Brisbane	..	838	911	972	975	965	966	967	969	965	963	975
Adelaide	..	861	905	1,012	1,003	993	1,002	993	1,003	1,011	1,001	1,008
Perth	..	899	981	1,029	1,059	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,064	1,067	1,051	1,061
Hobart	..	880	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,043	1,025	1,032	1,054	1,062	1,057
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,034	1,028	1,037	1,040	1,030	1,036

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	..	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	..	935	975	975	974	974	973	973	973	973	973	973
Brisbane	..	841	860	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863	863
Adelaide	..	868	893	893	893	892	892	892	892	892	892	892
Perth	..	872	883	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart	..	913	933	933	931	932	933	933	933	933	934	936
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	976	976	975	976	975	975	975	975	975	976

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	..	941	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,031	1,039	1,040	1,032	1,035
Melbourne	..	902	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,023	1,026	1,021	1,023
Brisbane	..	838	889	927	929	923	924	924	926	923	922	929
Adelaide	..	862	899	963	958	951	957	951	958	962	957	960
Perth	..	887	941	971	989	987	990	989	992	994	984	990
Hobart	..	891	953	1,000	1,009	992	998	986	991	1,005	1,010	1,007
Six Capitals (b)	..	906	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,005	1,011	1,013	1,007	1,010

(a) See note (a) on page 80.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 81.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).
 ("B" Series.) (a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1945.				1946.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec., Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	941	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,031	1,039	1,040	1,032	1,035
Newcastle ..	898	959	1,005	1,000	987	989	985	992	993	985	987
Broken Hill ..	948	991	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,073	1,068	1,078	1,076	1,069	1,073
Goulburn ..	908	957	1,009	1,007	999	997	999	998	997	993	993
Bathurst ..	867	910	957	953	951	958	956	961	960	955	961
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	988	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,027	1,035	1,036	1,028	1,031
 VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	902	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,023	1,026	1,021	1,023
Ballarat ..	808	841	894	908	907	912	908	912	916	912	917
Bendigo ..	817	868	920	923	923	926	923	925	931	925	928
Geelong ..	872	912	956	962	958	957	954	958	959	957	962
Warrnambool ..	898	941	984	993	995	1,008	1,000	1,003	1,011	1,019	1,021
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	946	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,013	1,010	1,014	1,017	1,012	1,015
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	838	889	927	929	923	924	924	926	923	922	929
Toowoomba ..	806	857	913	927	945	949	949	953	947	946	954
Rockhampton ..	825	863	901	904	908	917	918	922	916	911	916
Townsville ..	900	933	974	970	975	979	980	983	975	976	986
Bundaberg ..	781	835	878	888	886	886	888	890	884	880	892
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	886	926	928	926	928	928	930	927	925	933
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	862	899	963	958	951	957	951	958	962	957	960
Kadina, &c. ..	702	738	789	784	776	779	771	775	787	783	788
Port Pirie ..	838	889	943	932	923	931	923	932	937	930	932
Mount Gambier ..	801	832	879	877	884	895	888	896	902	895	901
Peterborough ..	836	893	936	926	922	935	928	935	941	936	935
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	892	955	950	944	949	943	950	955	949	953
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	887	941	971	989	987	990	989	992	994	984	990
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,128	1,124	1,131	1,133	1,124	1,136
Northam ..	911	980	1,005	1,001	999	1,001	999	1,003	1,005	995	1,003
Bunbury ..	945	996	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,015	1,014	1,019	1,019	1,009	1,024
Geraldton ..	.974	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,072	1,070	1,076	1,076	1,067	1,073
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	964	988	1,001	1,000	1,002	1,001	1,005	1,006	997	1,004
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	891	953	1,000	1,009	992	998	986	991	1,005	1,010	1,007
Launceston ..	867	913	948	953	936	943	932	938	949	953	951
Burnie ..	880	937	973	998	958	954	940	946	962	969	963
Devonport ..	846	898	928	942	920	924	909	917	931	938	933
Queenstown ..	900	947	970	1,005	1,004	1,014	1,002	1,007	1,022	1,026	1,021
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	937	978	988	970	977	965	970	983	988	985
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	952	1,001	1,005	998	1,003	999	1,005	1,007	1,001	1,005
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,005	1,011	1,013	1,007	1,010
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	817	856	872	886	891	888	886	896	893	900
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	896	932	914	914	925	919	926	930	924	927
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,058	1,060	1,060	1,057	1,060

(a) See footnote (a) on page 80. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1945.			1946.			Percentage increase from Aug., 1939, to Mar., 1946.	
		Month.			Month.				
	Aug.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar. Qtr.	Jan.	Feb.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney .. .	926	1,023	1,023	1,035	1,027	1,030	1,034	1,040	1,035 12.3
Newcastle .. .	960	1,038	1,040	1,047	1,042	1,040	1,043	1,049	1,044 9.3
Broken Hill .. .	1,069	1,273	1,278	1,271	1,274	1,269	1,276	1,287	1,277 20.4
Goulburn .. .	991	1,076	1,077	1,079	1,078	1,062	1,066	1,069	1,066 7.9
Bathurst .. .	939	1,030	1,032	1,036	1,033	1,033	1,040	1,049	1,041 11.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	932	1,030	1,030	1,041	1,034	1,035	1,040	1,046	1,040 12.2
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne .. .	931	1,051	1,048	1,055	1,052	1,055	1,059	1,063	1,059 14.2
Ballarat .. .	939	1,058	1,036	1,044	1,039	1,046	1,050	1,060	1,052 12.9
Bendigo .. .	915	1,041	1,039	1,044	1,042	1,046	1,052	1,055	1,051 15.3
Geelong .. .	942	999	998	1,005	1,001	1,008	1,012	1,020	1,013 8.3
Warrnambool .. .	952	1,047	1,044	1,049	1,047	1,077	1,080	1,083	1,080 13.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	932	1,049	1,045	1,053	1,049	1,053	1,057	1,061	1,057 13.8
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane .. .	855	963	964	973	967	972	977	977	975 14.3
Toowoomba .. .	812	996	1,015	1,016	1,009	1,012	1,018	1,019	1,016 25.5
Rockhampton .. .	893	1,002	1,026	1,025	1,018	1,009	1,015	1,017	1,014 13.9
Townsville .. .	948	1,047	1,063	1,065	1,058	1,066	1,067	1,069	1,067 12.8
Bundaberg .. .	906	1,031	1,030	1,029	1,030	1,030	1,031	1,038	1,033 14.6
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	862	976	981	988	981	985	990	990	988 14.8
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide .. .	882	993	993	992	993	1,001	1,007	1,016	1,008 15.2
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo .. .	980	1,021	1,021	1,021	1,021	1,042	1,045	1,051	1,046 7.2
Port Pirie .. .	1,001	1,061	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,073	1,073	1,083	1,076 8.2
Mount Gambier .. .	930	1,005	997	1,006	1,003	1,017	1,026	1,031	1,025 10.9
Peterborough .. .	983	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,051	1,052	1,058	1,054 7.6
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	891	997	996	996	997	1,005	1,011	1,020	1,012 14.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle .. .	947	1,051	1,062	1,062	1,059	1,052	1,065	1,067	1,061 12.7
Kalgoorlie and Boulder .. .	1,102	1,173	1,190	1,191	1,185	1,182	1,199	1,201	1,194 9.0
Northam .. .	981	1,060	1,071	1,071	1,067	1,061	1,078	1,078	1,072 9.9
Bunbury .. .	975	1,033	1,046	1,049	1,043	1,049	1,062	1,062	1,058 8.9
Geraldton .. .	958	1,073	1,084	1,084	1,080	1,075	1,088	1,088	1,084 13.6
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	960	1,060	1,072	1,072	1,068	1,062	1,075	1,077	1,071 12.2
TASMANIA—									
Hobart .. .	914	1,025	1,025	1,024	1,025	1,054	1,058	1,058	1,057 15.8
Launceston .. .	905	980	981	981	981	1,008	1,012	1,012	1,011 11.8
Burnie .. .	942	1,002	1,002	1,003	1,002	1,036	1,037	1,037	1,037 10.1
Devonport .. .	930	1,002	1,002	1,001	1,002	1,038	1,044	1,044	1,042 12.3
Queenstown .. .	1,018	1,133	1,134	1,133	1,133	1,163	1,165	1,165	1,164 14.4
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	917	1,013	1,013	1,013	1,013	1,042	1,046	1,046	1,045 14.1
THIRTY TOWNS (a) .. .	922	1,028	1,028	1,036	1,031	1,034	1,039	1,044	1,039 13.2
SIX CAPITALS (a) .. .	918	1,025	1,025	1,033	1,028	1,031	1,036	1,041	1,036 13.4
Lithgow (N.) (b) .. .	948	1,060	1,059	1,071	1,063	1,047	1,051	1,062	1,053 12.0
Yallourn (V.) (b) .. .	991	1,058	1,055	1,048	1,054	1,051	1,056	1,061	1,056 7.1
Warwick (Q.) (b) .. .	851	986	988	986	987	999	1,004	1,004	1,002 18.0
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) .. .	994	1,054	1,054	1,054	1,054	1,061	1,064	1,073	1,066 7.9
Rosebery (T.) (b) .. .	1,028	1,110	1,110	1,112	1,111	1,140	1,141	1,141	1,141 11.0
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) .. .	1,046	1,108	1,108	1,110	1,109	1,107	1,112	1,114	1,111 6.5

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1945.				1946.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,142	1,138	1,141	1,142	1,147	1,151
Newcastle ..	877	997	1,069	1,109	1,094	1,100	1,093	1,099	1,103	1,106	1,108
Broken Hill ..	940	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,192	1,184	1,193	1,194	1,198	1,203
Goulburn ..	893	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,114	1,110	1,111	1,112	1,121	1,123
Bathurst ..	860	974	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,091	1,086	1,089	1,090	1,099	1,105
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,135	1,138	1,139	1,145	1,148
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,135	1,135	1,132	1,134	1,135	1,137	1,141
Ballarat ..	850	950	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,086	1,086	1,086	1,085	1,085	1,089
Bendigo ..	854	963	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,099	1,099	1,098	1,099	1,099	1,101
Geelong ..	884	984	1,065	1,110	1,112	1,113	1,114	1,112	1,114	1,112	1,117
Warrnambool ..	892	998	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,130	1,135	1,135	1,139	1,145	1,146
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,131	1,129	1,131	1,132	1,133	1,137
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	963	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,069	1,074	1,081
Toowoomba ..	843	951	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,086	1,088	1,085	1,088	1,095
Rockhampton ..	853	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,079	1,077	1,083	1,077	1,080	1,086
Townsville ..	902	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,114	1,117	1,115	1,109	1,114	1,123
Bundaberg ..	831	938	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,054	1,056	1,053	1,049	1,056	1,061
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	964	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,076	1,073	1,077	1,084
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	988	1,075	1,102	1,098	1,102	1,098	1,100	1,103	1,106	1,110
Kadina, &c. ..	786	882	962	998	995	999	993	996	1,003	1,005	1,009
Port Pirie ..	868	976	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,085	1,080	1,084	1,086	1,090	1,092
Mount Gambier ..	849	946	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,070	1,067	1,068	1,073	1,073	1,079
Peterborough ..	868	974	1,053	1,087	1,087	1,093	1,089	1,090	1,096	1,097	1,098
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	983	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,098	1,094	1,096	1,099	1,102	1,106
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	882	993	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,107	1,104	1,108	1,108	1,107	1,116
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,199	1,202	1,197	1,204	1,204	1,202	1,215
Northam ..	900	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,113	1,111	1,115	1,115	1,114	1,121
Bunbury ..	914	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,110	1,115	1,111	1,117	1,116	1,115	1,126
Geraldton ..	957	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,170	1,167	1,171	1,172	1,168	1,177
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,113	1,117	1,117	1,115	1,125
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,107	1,101	1,099	1,107	1,120	1,120
Launceston ..	872	974	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,072	1,064	1,067	1,073	1,085	1,085
Burnie ..	865	971	1,035	1,088	1,065	1,063	1,053	1,055	1,065	1,080	1,078
Devonport ..	848	951	1,012	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,037	1,038	1,045	1,060	1,063
Queenstown ..	875	987	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,104	1,106	1,112	1,118	1,119
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	989	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,092	1,085	1,085	1,092	1,105	1,105
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..											
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,126	1,129	1,134
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	926	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,061	1,059	1,066	1,071	1,075
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	980	1,052	1,076	1,076	1,084	1,080	1,082	1,086	1,087	1,091
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,144	1,149	1,148	1,155	1,160

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted Average.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1946.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (c)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b) ..	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b) ..	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b) ..	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b) ..	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b) ..	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b) ..	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b) ..	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b) ..	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b) ..	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923 ..	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924 ..	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925 ..	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926 ..	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927 ..	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928 ..	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929 ..	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930 ..	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931 ..	826	901	832	853	973	873
1932 ..	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933 ..	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934 ..	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935 ..	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936 ..	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937 ..	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938 ..	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939 ..	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940 ..	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941 ..	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942 ..	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943 ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,410	1,130	1,131
1944 ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945 ..	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1943—December ..	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123
1944—March ..	1,020	976	1,000	1,434	1,166	1,124
June ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,429	1,165	1,125
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,433	1,164	1,129
December ..	1,022	975	1,002	1,442	1,163	1,126
1945—March ..	1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,123
June ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,416	1,161	1,125
September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
December ..	1,030	975	1,007	1,448	1,161	1,129
1946—March ..	1,036	976	1,010	1,456	1,164	1,134

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November. (c) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the above and other tables in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report, No. 33).

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

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Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..		5.10	5.10	5.10	5.14	5.14	5.29	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.40	5.40	5.40
“ self-raising ..		8.25	8.25	8.25	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.79	27.79	27.79	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.60	27.60	27.60
Sugar ..		4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a) ..		3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..		6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	14.10	14.10	14.10	15.21	15.21	15.21	14.00	13.93	13.93	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.90	7.93	7.93	8.07	9.71	9.71	9.71	8.40	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.88	4.88	5.04	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	“	13.23	13.23	12.98	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.40	13.40	13.60
Currents ..	“	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.88	10.88	10.90
Apricots, dried (a) ..		16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.07	17.07	17.07	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.25	15.25	15.25
Pears, canned (a) ..		15.89	15.89	15.89	16.36	16.36	16.36	17.29	17.36	17.36	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.50	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.65	8.65	8.65	11.80	11.80	11.80	8.87	8.77	8.77	8.70	8.70	8.58
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.14	3.50	3.43	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.64	3.79	3.64	2.80	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.50	3.60
Soap ..		6.86	6.86	6.86	7.27	7.27	7.27	8.00	7.81	7.80	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.43	7.43	7.43
Kerosene ..	quart	5.94	5.92	5.92	6.45	6.45	6.45	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.18	7.18	7.18	6.65	6.65	6.65
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.57	20.57	20.57	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..		17.69	17.69	17.69	17.83	17.83	17.83	18.71	18.71	18.71	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.40	18.40	18.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.65	28.25	28.20	24.43	28.07	28.29	25.14	31.14	31.14	24.00	27.80	28.00	23.90	28.00	28.70
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.95	21.95	21.95	21.93	21.93	21.93	23.93	23.93	23.93	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
“ fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.65	12.60	12.55	12.57	12.50	12.50	16.43	16.43	16.43	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.40	12.20	12.10
“ rib ..		8.10	8.10	8.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	14.86	15.14	15.14	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.60	8.60	10.40
“ steak, rump ..		21.00	21.00	21.00	20.57	20.57	20.57	24.00	24.00	24.00	20.80	20.80	20.80	18.00	18.00	18.00
“ chuck ..		8.70	8.60	8.50	8.71	8.71	15.43	15.43	15.93	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.70	8.60	8.70	8.70
“ sausages ..		9.20	9.10	9.10	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
Beef (corned) silver-side ..		10.50	10.50	10.50	10.57	10.57	10.57	16.00	16.00	16.00	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.00	10.20	10.30
Mutton, brisket ..		8.00	8.00	8.10	8.14	8.14	8.14	13.86	14.00	14.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.20	8.20	8.50
Mutton, leg ..		8.45	8.45	9.25	8.57	8.64	9.14	11.00	11.00	11.86	8.60	8.60	9.00	8.80	8.80	9.00
Mutton, forequarter ..		5.45	5.45	5.95	5.57	5.71	5.86	8.00	8.00	8.43	5.70	5.70	5.90	5.20	5.40	5.40
Mutton, loin ..		10.30	10.30	10.50	10.29	10.00	10.29	9.71	9.71	10.79	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.00	9.20	9.20
Mutton, chops, loin ..		11.00	11.10	11.40	10.86	10.71	11.00	13.43	13.43	14.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	9.60	10.00	9.90
Pork, leg (a) ..		11.00	10.95	11.75	10.50	11.14	14.00	14.00	14.86	9.60	9.60	10.10	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Pork, loin (a) ..		16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pork, chops (a) ..		17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		281.19	..	243.48	..	191.54	..	222.97	..	..	..	..	212.09	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
footnote (c), page 81.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

Article..	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
self-raising ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.60	4.60	4.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	12.07	12.07	12.07	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.71	11.71	11.71	7.58	7.58	7.58	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.70	7.70	7.70
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.57	7.57	7.57	3.94	3.94	4.05	3.81	3.81	4.06	4.13	4.13	4.13
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.72	3.81	3.81	4.13	4.13	4.08	13.36	13.36	13.36	12.60	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.20
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.11	13.11	13.11	12.79	12.79	12.79	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Currants ..	"	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.43	10.43	10.43	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.70	14.70	14.70
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.40	14.40	14.40	14.75	14.75	14.75	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.45	15.45	15.45	15.75	15.75	15.75	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	8.34	8.36	8.36	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.67	2.67	2.71	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.76	6.76	6.76	6.23	6.23	6.23	7.08	7.08	7.08
Kerosene ..	quart	6.39	6.36	6.36	6.68	6.68	6.68	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.13	7.13	7.13
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.28	16.28	16.28	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.86	16.86	16.86	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.30	16.30	16.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	28.00	28.00	23.83	27.86	28.00	24.00	28.00	28.00	24.00	27.60	27.80	24.00	28.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.72	22.72	22.72	23.29	23.29	23.29	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.70	22.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.50	10.50	10.50
fresh ..	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.80	13.70	13.60	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.64	12.64	12.64	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.40	13.40	13.40
rib ..	"	11.35	11.30	11.30	10.57	10.57	10.64	9.43	9.43	9.43	8.80	8.80	9.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
steak, rump ..	"	20.90	20.90	21.00	20.14	20.14	20.14	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.60	18.60	18.60
chuck ..	"	10.15	10.15	10.15	9.43	9.43	9.50	9.71	9.71	9.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.80	9.80	9.80
sausages ..	"	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.80	7.80	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.45	12.35	12.35	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.64	10.71	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.20	11.80	12.20
brisket ..	"	9.10	9.10	9.10	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.07	9.07	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.25	11.25	11.45	11.07	11.07	11.50	11.14	11.14	11.29	10.60	10.60	11.00	12.10	12.10	12.20
forequarter ..	"	6.60	6.60	6.75	6.57	6.57	7.07	6.43	6.43	6.57	6.50	6.50	6.90	7.70	7.70	7.80
loin ..	"	9.60	9.55	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.86	9.14	9.14	9.43	8.00	8.00	8.80	10.60	10.60	10.80
chops, loin ..	"	10.75	10.75	11.15	10.14	10.14	11.14	10.43	10.43	10.57	10.86	10.86	9.00	9.80	11.60	11.80
leg ..	"	11.60	11.40	11.75	12.07	12.07	12.36	11.71	11.71	11.93	11.40	11.40	11.70	12.50	12.50	12.60
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
loin (a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
chops (a) ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		262.39	..	178.92	..	186.85	..	..	239.28	..	..	234.94	..	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

footnote (c), page 81.

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.75	5.75	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.59	8.59	8.59	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.60	9.60	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.57	27.57	27.57	28.07	28.07	28.07	28.10	28.10	28.10	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	3.93	3.93	3.93	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.66	12.66	12.61	12.80	12.80	12.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.00	14.00	13.30	13.30	13.30
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.91	6.91	6.91	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.17	4.08	4.08	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.91	12.91	12.91	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.13	14.03	14.03	13.40	13.40	13.40
Currants ..	"	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.60	11.60
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	16.19	16.19	16.19	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.57	16.57	16.57	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.38	16.38	16.38
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	17.07	17.07	17.07	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.29	17.29	17.29	17.10	17.10	17.10	16.50	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.75	10.75	10.88	8.80	8.80	8.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.45	2.89	2.89	2.07	2.71	3.07	1.98	2.43	3.21	2.75	3.00	3.38	2.05	1.80	3.00
Soap ..	"	6.97	6.97	6.97	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.26	7.26	7.06	7.06	7.06	7.06
Kerosene ..	quart	5.37	5.37	5.37	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.51	6.51	5.93	5.93	5.93	5.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.82	19.82	19.82	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.14	20.14	20.14	22.00	22.00	22.00	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.13	15.13	15.14	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.71	15.71	15.71	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.40	15.40	15.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	27.91	27.91	23.00	27.17	27.33	19.00	23.71	24.14	23.50	25.00	25.00	24.00	25.60	27.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.09	22.09	22.09	22.07	22.00	22.00	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.10	21.90	21.90	22.10	22.10	21.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.82	9.82	9.82	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.20	10.20	10.20
Milk, fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.60	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.40	12.40	12.30
" rib ..	"	6.72	6.72	6.72	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.50
" steak, rump ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.40	15.40	15.30
" chuck ..	"	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.00	8.07	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.70	9.70	9.60
" sausages ..	"	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.30	8.30	8.30	9.30	9.30	9.20
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.65	10.65	10.65	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.80	11.80	11.70
" brisket ..	"	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.80	9.80	9.70
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.21	9.14	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.20	9.20	9.20
" chops, loin ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin (a) ..	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops (a) ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	232.80	..	..	216.82	..	..	207.52	..	..	217.69	..	..	170.65	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
footnote (c), page 81.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.20	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.25	4.50	4.50	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.25	4.25	4.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.65	11.65	11.65	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.71	15.71	15.71	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.17	16.17	16.17	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.33	16.33	16.33
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.78	8.78	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.36	10.36	10.36	8.56	8.56	8.56	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.33	2.67	2.47	3.17	3.17	3.50	3.00	2.79	3.00	2.63	2.88	2.50	3.00	3.13	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.31	5.28	5.28	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.30	6.30	6.30	5.95	5.95	5.95	6.16	6.16	6.16
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.63	20.63	20.63
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.78	14.78	14.78	16.29	16.29	16.29	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.65	28.40	28.45	17.60	19.40	20.00	18.29	20.33	20.42	15.20	20.20	19.80	18.00	20.00	20.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.57	20.50	20.50	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.10	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.40	10.40	10.40	9.88	10.00	9.88
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.86	6.86	6.93	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.79	11.79	11.57	10.57	10.36	10.36	12.70	12.80	12.80	11.33	11.33	11.33
" rib ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.33	9.17	9.17
" steak, rump ..	"	16.45	16.45	16.45	15.86	15.86	15.86	17.50	17.43	17.50	16.20	16.20	16.20	17.00	17.00	17.00
" chuck ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.86	12.14	12.00	12.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	10.33	10.17	10.17
" sausages ..	"	7.22	7.22	7.33	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.40	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.45	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.07	12.21	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.14	10.07	10.14	9.00	9.20	9.20	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.95	10.95	11.90	10.29	10.43	10.86	11.29	11.29	12.14	10.40	10.80	11.30	11.00	11.00	11.67
" forequarter ..	"	5.95	5.95	6.45	7.07	7.07	7.21	7.43	7.43	7.93	5.70	5.70	6.10	5.67	5.67	6.00
" loin ..	"	9.15	0.15	9.65	9.43	9.57	9.86	9.14	9.14	9.79	8.80	8.80	9.20	9.67	9.67	9.83
" chops, loin ..	"	9.90	9.90	10.45	10.29	10.29	10.57	11.36	11.36	11.93	9.60	9.80	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.33
" leg ..	"	11.45	11.45	12.35	10.57	10.57	10.71	11.86	11.86	12.64	11.00	11.20	11.60	12.00	12.00	12.67
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	240.52	98.07	179.12	179.81	189.95

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON [®]		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.88	4.88	5.00	4.88	4.88	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.90	12.90	12.90	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	15.50	15.50	15.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.33	16.33	16.33	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Pears, canned ..	"	16.45	16.45	16.45	19.42	19.42	19.42	17.17	17.17	17.17	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.38	17.38	17.38
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.07	10.14	10.14	9.13	9.25	9.25	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.30	9.30	9.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.85	2.90	2.90	3.29	3.50	3.36	3.38	3.25	3.25	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.40	3.40	3.40
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.24	6.24	6.24	8.13	8.13	8.13	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.42	18.42	18.42	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.33	17.33	17.33	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	28.00	28.00	26.71	29.71	31.86	18.00	24.00	24.00	22.25	25.25	26.00	20.00	22.00	22.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.71	21.71	21.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.90	9.90	9.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" sausages ..	"	9.10	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver ..	side	"	11.00	11.00	10.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.80	11.00	10.57	12.00	12.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.40	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	10.00	10.70	10.80	10.71	12.00	12.00	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.40	9.67	10.33	10.33
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	10.80	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00
" leg ..	"	10.00	10.80	11.00	11.14	12.00	12.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	11.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	"	238.89	"	264.82	"	..	226.42	..	..	246.25	..	..	267.16	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
footnote (c), page 81.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
self-raising ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.13	27.13	27.13
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.63	10.63	10.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.05	8.05	8.05	7.79	7.79	7.79	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.88	8.88	8.88
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.86	12.86	12.86	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.38	13.38
Currants ..	"	11.05	11.00	11.05	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.13	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	15.07	15.07	15.07	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.38	15.38	15.38	16.38	16.38	16.38
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.70	15.70	15.70	16.38	16.38	16.38	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.50	15.50	15.50	17.00	17.00	17.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	11.19	10.81	10.73
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.33	3.39	3.28	3.14	3.14	3.14	3.00	2.90	2.90	3.40	3.20	3.20	3.38	3.38	3.38
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	7.06	7.06	7.06	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.75	6.70	6.70	7.46	7.46	7.46
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.67	15.67	15.67	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.13	27.88	28.00	24.00	27.75	27.75	25.00	26.50	26.50	22.00	28.00	28.00	26.00	28.25	29.38
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.75
fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	11.57	11.71	11.71	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.67	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
rib ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.33	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.57	16.57	16.57	15.75	15.75	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
chuck ..	"	10.90	10.90	10.90	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
sausages ..	"	8.56	8.56	8.56	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.33	8.33	8.33	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.86	10.86	10.86	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
brisket ..	"	10.45	10.45	10.45	9.43	9.43	9.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.79	6.71	6.71	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
loin ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.57	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
chops, loin ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
leg ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
chops ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	252.26	232.88	214.51	193.64	202.31

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,781	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,704	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,730	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,400	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,930	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 85 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1936-37	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,748	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1942-43—										
January	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,398	1,691	1,210	1,790	1,166	1,350
February	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,363
March	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,265	1,802	1,206	1,382
April	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
May	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,275	1,801	1,216	1,388
June	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,398	1,741	1,298	1,824	1,228	1,404
1943-44—										
July	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,305	1,824	1,233	1,407
August	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,201	1,823	1,222	1,398
September	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,297	1,828	1,224	1,402
October	1,310	1,694	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,826	1,216	1,396
November	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,829	1,206	1,389
December	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,821	1,209	1,389
1943-44—										
January	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,289	1,832	1,215	1,397
May	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45—										
July	1,308	1,696	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,312	1,819	1,239	1,410
August	1,308	1,696	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,306	1,817	1,237	1,408
September	1,308	1,696	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,291	1,814	1,225	1,399
October	1,308	1,696	1,523	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,288	1,821	1,221	1,397
November	1,310	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,289	1,831	1,217	1,398
December	1,306	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,834	1,216	1,398
1944-45—										
January	1,306	1,673	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,822	1,217	1,396
February	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,304	1,830	1,225	1,404
March	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408
April	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,333	1,835	1,245	1,410
May	1,306	1,690	1,525	1,429	1,398	1,748	1,331	1,795	1,249	1,410
June	1,306	1,690	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,748	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945-46—										
July	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246	1,404
December	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,409
January	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244	1,403
February	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249	1,403
March	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257	1,413

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 36 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agricul-ture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	..	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487
1937-38	..	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997
1938-39	..	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011
1939-40	..	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113
1940-41	..	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,070	1,215
1941-42	..	1,019	1,167	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,218
1942-43	..	1,153	1,286	1,171	1,219	1,249	1,191
1943-44(b)	..	1,249	1,341	1,213	1,285	1,298	1,191
1944-45(b)	..	1,288	1,361	1,216	1,308	1,302	1,197
1944-45-(b)							
October	..	1,304	1,354	1,216	1,311	1,301	1,208
November	..	1,310	1,352	1,216	1,312	1,302	1,208
December	..	1,282	1,351	1,216	1,302	1,301	1,208
January	..	1,287	1,339	1,216	1,298	1,301	1,208
February	..	1,290	1,346	1,216	1,303	1,301	1,208
March	..	1,303	1,356	1,216	1,311	1,301	1,208
April	..	1,303	1,358	1,216	1,312	1,301	1,208
May	..	1,303	1,366	1,216	1,316	1,301	1,210
June	..	1,303	1,388	1,216	1,326	1,301	1,224
1945-46-(b)							
July	..	1,303	1,388	1,216	1,326	1,301	1,227
August	..	1,303	1,388	1,216	1,326	1,297	1,227
September	..	1,303	1,384	1,216	1,324	1,306	1,227
October	..	1,303	1,368	1,216	1,317	1,334	1,227
November	..	1,303	1,362	1,216	1,314	1,334	1,227
December	..	1,407	1,362	1,216	1,357	1,334	1,310
January	..	1,391	1,364	1,216	1,346	1,331	1,227
February	..	1,339	1,380	1,216	1,335	1,331	1,227
March	..	1,328	1,388	1,216	1,335	1,331	1,227

(a) Year ended previous December.
average wholesale prices in the period shown.

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Month.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
				Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July	..	1,145	1,148	1,236	1,234	1,350
1933-34	959	896	August	..	1,154	1,157	1,258	1,255	1,346
1934-35	741	753	September	..	1,140	1,152	1,283	1,279	1,338
1935-36	942	946	October	..	1,155	1,159	1,312	1,305	1,355
1936-37	1,155	1,144	November	..	1,171	1,172	1,300	1,294	1,369
1937-38	1,024	1,022	December	..	1,172	1,175	1,300	1,295	1,360
1938-39	821	834							
1939-40	964	980	January	..	1,175	1,176	1,317	1,311	1,526
1940-41	1,026	1,039	February	..	1,172	1,175	1,312	1,307	1,543
1941-42	1,047	1,059	March	..	1,175	1,176	1,321	1,314	1,522
1942-43	1,137	1,142	April	..	1,177	1,178	1,333	1,326	1,576
1943-44	1,169	1,171	May	..	1,192	1,192	1,328	1,319	..
1944-45	1,304	1,298	June	..	1,196	1,196	1,342	1,335	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

* (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (b)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (a)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
Quarter—									
1936.									%
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,690	1,166	12.8
September	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.									
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December	1,815	1,595	1,728	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	..	..	1.3

(a) See footnote (c) on page 81.

(b) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(c) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1944.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,447	b 3,684,874
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,775	b 3,656,841
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,222	b 7,341,715
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	153,344
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.99
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	69,666
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	9.53
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	68,201
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	9.33
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres ..	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	7,875
Yield '000 bus. ..	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	109,720
Average yield bus. ..	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	13.93
Oats—Area '000 acres ..	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,415
Yield '000 bus. ..	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	17,712
Average yield bus. ..	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	12.52
Barley—Area .. acres ..	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	754,253	442,884
Yield .. '000 bus. ..	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	7,590
Average yield bus. ..	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.92	17.14
Maize—Area .. acres ..	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	282,681
Yield .. '000 bus. ..	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	7,433
Average yield bus. ..	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	26.20
Hay—Area .. '000 acres ..	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,044
Yield .. '000 tons ..	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,717
Average yield tons ..	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.33
Potatoes—Area .. acres ..	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	192,075
Yield .. tons ..	(c) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	599,055
Average yield tons ..	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.12
Sugar-cane—Area (d) .. acres ..	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	220,172
Yield '000 tons ..	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	3,688
Av. yield tons ..	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	16.09
Vineyards—Area .. acres ..	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	129,213
Wine '000 gal. ..	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,857	19,865
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000 ..	(e) 15,519	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 81,890	49,714	62,133	78,437
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Sheep '000 ..	65,003	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,110	110,619	125,189	123,174
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,184
Horses ..	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,444
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,747
Wool production (h) '000 lb. ..	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,159	1,169,016
Butter	(f) (g) 42,315	(g) 103,747	(g) 212,074	(g) 267,071	390,654	375,694	350,072	
Cheese	(f) (g) 10,131	(g) 11,845	(g) 15,887	(g) 32,653	31,423	67,520	80,249	
Bacon and ham	(f) (g) 16,772	(g) 34,021	(g) 53,335	(g) 58,626	71,122	95,119	102,410	
Total net value of—								
pastoral production £'000 ..	{ e 29,538	(e) 39,256	(e) 36,890	(e) 72,883	(e) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358	108,406
dairying production £'000 ..						22,564	34,344	44,823
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1944.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000 ..	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	6,901
Silver and lead	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	4,413
Copper	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	2,602
Tin	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	830
Zinc .. ..	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,620
Coal	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,684
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000 ..	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	33,178
						1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.
								1943-44.
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sown or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft. ..	(f)	(f)	452,181	604,704	590,495	236,707	913,675	850,130
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..	..				14,455	18,023	21,657	27,674
Hands employed .. No. ..					311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342
Wages paid .. £'000 ..					27,528	68,051	55,932	216,574
Value of production					51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439
Total value of output					133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059

(a) At 31st December. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Productive cane. (e) Gross value. (f) Not available. (g) Years ended December. (h) In terms of greasy. (i) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1944-45.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. '000 tons	3,284 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	3,057 11,396	2,544 10,768	2,147 9,132
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea £'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	152,005	188,483
Per head £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	21/5/11	25/13/5
Exports—Oversea £'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	85,843	134,927	123,969
Per head £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	18/18/1	16/17/9
Total—Oversea trade £'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	286,932	312,452
Per head £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	40/4/0	42/11/2
Net Customs and Excise duties £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	(b) 55,551	(b) 66,487
Per head £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/8	9/0/3
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS (c)—								
Wool—Quantity '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	673,650
Value £'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	49,387
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	32,391
Value £'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	9,752
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	560
Value £'000	520	328	590	1,302	5,520	3,833	4,191	6,732
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	93,739
Value £'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	8,250
Hides and skins .. "	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	6,591
Tallow .. "	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	669
Meats .. "	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	14,095
Timber (undressed) .. "	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	308
Gold .. "	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	..
Silver and lead .. "	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	6,363
Copper .. "	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	26
Coal .. "	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	224
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,213
Capital cost £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	327,276
Gross revenue .. "	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	74,504
Working expenses .. "	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	61,361
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	82.36
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	932,143
Per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	125.77
Newspapers dealt with .. '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	184,860
Per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94	24.94
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—								
Note circulation £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(f) 214	197	167	166
Coin and bullion held .. "	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	2,882	4,479	16,590
Advances .. "	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	(h) 260,918	(h) 323,850	(h) 251,705
Deposits .. "	53,849	93,345	91,487	143,447	(i) 273,867	(h) 319,241	(h) 482,722	(h) 762,441
SAVINGS BANKS (j)—								
Total deposits £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	50,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	566,964
Average per head of population £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	76/16/10
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	8,766
Teachers .. "	9,028	12,564	14,500	18,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	30,760
Enrolment .. "	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	874,440
Average attendance .. "	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	706,650

(a) Import and export values are in British currency. Imports are recorded in British currency; the recorded values for exports were:—1931-32, £A.109,034,000; 1941-42, £A.168,977,000; and 1944-45, £A.155,271,000, *vide* page 18.

(b) Excludes Special War Tax of 10 per cent. on Amount of Customs Duties on all goods entered for home consumption on and after 3rd May, 1940. (c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. Australian currency values. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (h) Government "set-off" accounts interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June.

